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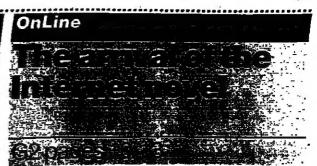


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Labour accuses PM of climbdown  $\square$  Culling plan 'devastates' farmers

## Major about-face on beef

was last night ately to prevent its planned climbdown over terms for settling the EU beef war from turning into a humiliat-ing rout at the Florence sum-

The National Farmers' Union said its members would be devastated by the Government's agreement to cull an extra 67,000 cattle, while the Opposition claimed John Major had merely been

night the farmers' union said: 'Today's proposal by the European Commission that as part of the UK's BSE eradi-cation plan will come as devastating news to many

farmers.
"The NFU believes it would be unacceptable for British farmers to be obliged to sacrifice their herds, especially in the absence of guaranteed progress towards a complete

The shadow Foreign Secre tary Robin Cook directed his attack on the Prime Minister: "This embarrasing climb down for John Major has exposed how weak he is in Europe. Their strategy has not demonitrated strength by the Government, but revealed victory for John Major, but a humiliation."

Liberal Democrat Europe affairs spokesman Charles made no progress but done im-mense political damage to Britain and the rest of Europe in

The European Commission framework agreement for gradually lifting the EU ban on British beef which falls well short of the Government's original demands for a clear-cut, staged lifting of the ban.

Instead, each step taken in lifting the ban will depend on the Government taking a series of health and safety measures and other steps to get rid of BSE, as well as on verified evidence that the dis-



Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind as "ludicrous." Ministers were also embar-rassed by the Commission's public reference to the "conpute at Florence, but we are now getting back to a more rational discussion and comsiderable misgivings" of gov-ernments and scientific exmon sense suggests that ratio-nal discussion will draw us towards a practical solution,

perts throughout the EU at the way the UK authorities had tackled the BSE crisis. The plans came with a new warning from Jacques Santer, the European Com-mission president, that Britain must drop its non-cooper-ation policy if the new framework was to be adopted

in Florence tomorrow.

He told the European Parliament "It is for the UK authorities to take the necessary steps to eradicate BSE. This has been the consistent position of the Commission since the crisis began on March 21 and it will not budge.

stages of the ban are removed.

a suggestion dismissed by the

"It will be deaf to political pressure and attempts to block union legislation, such as the veto. It would be a very

ease is being brought under grave mistake to politicise control. Given these hurdles, this crisis. You cannot play control. Given these hurdles, some fear it could be three to with public health."

pressed cautious optimism over the Commission's pro-posals. "I don't know if we will be able to resolve this dis-

The Commission plan makes it clear that Britain will not be free to sell its beef to countries outside the EU before the lift-ing of the ban is complete. Amid the confusion, the Government's chief veteri-

nary officer, Keith Meldrum, appeared to concede that an extra 67,000 cattle born in 1989-90 could be killed to satisfy continuing European concern that Britain has not done enough to eradicate BSE

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### Reluctant warrior hails deal as a sort of victory

LASTAIR Goodlad's team of Conservative the small print of John Ma-jor's European beef deal this weekend, whispering sooth-ing words of explanation to wavering Eurosceptics who might still be tempted to try

to overthrow it. The Government's tactics were blatantly obvious when Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign The Government later admitted that such a cull would nel 4 News last night for the umpteenth time since the BSE crisis re-erupted in March and led to the EU's worldwide ban.

Testily sweeping aside claims by Robin Cook that the package is "a massive climb-down," Mr Rifkind mixed scientific jargon and indignation

in thoroughly confusing

fashion.
Seeking to justify the Cabinet's 20 deployments of Britain's veto since May 21, he also insisted: "If anyone had said then that by the time of the European summit we would have had the European Commission tabling its own proposals, people would have said that is unachievable." That is a calculated misstatement by a reluctant beef warrior, who described as "ludicrous" suggestions that it might be three to five years before the ban was lifted.

Ministers and whips will sell the deal as a victory, although not too hard for feer of pushing their luck.

European colleagues still wince at the "game, set and

match" claims made on Mr Major's behalf (actually the words were not his, but his press secretary's) after the Maastricht compromises in

Many, Germans especially, will not want to see such behaviour rewarded, even quick to point out -- Britain's tactics have won neither a

tactics have won neither a timetable for ending the ban, nor the automatic step-by-step lifting of it for which Tory MPs hoped.

Those Euro-vets and four other EU committees will hold vetoes of their own for years, while no one expects German consumers to

German consumers to glimpse British beef again this century, whatever the Commission says.

Ministers will keep their fingers crossed. The first bit of luck Mr Major needs is that the Tory tabloids do not deploy "Major in beef climbdown" headlines.

### Faced down Facing up by Europe to Europe Europe's response Major's demands. Progressive step by lifting of export ban. (Government fears R could take five years

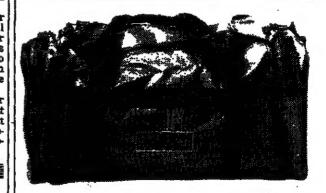
'We cannot continue business as usual within Europe when we are faced with this clear disregard by some of our partners of reason, common sense and Britain's national interests.'

- John Major in the Commons,

The Commission will be deaf to political pressure and attempts to block union legislation. It would be a very grave mistake to politicise this crisis. You cannot play with public health.'

 Jacques Santer, European Commission president, yesterday

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England team's performance likely to raise the score in boardrooms and bedrooms

John Mullin

NGLAND awoke yester-day in a state of joyous disbelief. Few could have pre-dicted the result against the Netherlands. Nobody could have guessed its impact on England's citizens, even those with little time for the game.

Fiasco had threatened. thay Pacific display on return from the ill-judged Far East tour; dismay as the team crumbled against Switzer-

time on Saturday, the knives were being sharpened to be plunged into Terry Venables. All changed, changed ut-terly. Yesterday, along with a team earlier dismissed as unfit boozers, the English coach, trying to quell over-arching optimism which sug-

gests the trophy is as good as won, was deified. Chris Evans kicked off his breakfast show on Radio 1 replaying the commentary. He treated listeners to the arguments of the Daily Mail's Jeff Powell. The previous morning on the Today programme, he had suggested Paul Gascoigne should be left out for the Dutch clash. Never had England gone to work before all happily hum-ming a chart-topper. Nobody cared to shake the refrain of

home. It's coming home. Foot-ball's coming home." Hangovers had never felt the English feeling as they must have done when Europe

World News

From the boardroom to the bedroom, folk are likely to be performing better. Good news for soccer widows then, themselves becoming turned on to Euro 96. Psychologists sug-gested the economy could also the Lightning Seeds from their heads: "It's coming receive a boost.

Ben Williams said: "People make a stronger commitment if they have high self-esteem. If we are associated with our team and it does well, then quite so good. Psychologists team and it does well, then we'll feel a higher level of self-why a 4-1 victory should have esteem which can enter into everything. Our performance will be better. We'll work better, socialise better, even con-

cause we feel good about ourselves."

Cary Cooper, a motivation expert from the Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology, pointed to the changing na-ture of work and society, and how it led to insecurity. The win provided a fillip amidst the hurly-burly of change. The reason for all this: nat-ural opiates, released in the pleasure centres of the brain, induce a high. But Roy Bai-ley, a psychologist from the International Management

Centre in Birmingham, cau-tioned: "It doesn't last long." And what about poor Scotland? Would the cruel nature of their latest last-gasp de-mise result in more wife-beat-ings, assaults in the work-place, and and vandalised towns? Not so. The Scots, it seems, are too well versed in the grinding inevitability of glorious failure to let a football match dent their se national identity.

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Police hunting the Manchester bombers issued descriptions of two hooded men who drove the bomb to the city centre, and the courier.

President Clinton's closest political adviser was named as an 'unindicted

co-conspirator in a criminal trial in Little Rock.

Finance May's cold weather put the brakes on . high-street spending as shoppers shunned new summer lines offered by clothing .

and footwear stores.

Sport Portugal beat Croatia 3-0 to top: their Euro 96 group. and put both into the quarter-finals, Denmark beat Turkey

but both go out.

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#### Sketch

### House echoes to a hollow victory



Simon Hoggart

FEEL sorry for Jack Straw. a mano in the Commons with Michael Howard he was trounced, humiliated and silenced.

Yesterday he won. Sadiy. there was almost no one there to watch him — a mere half a dozen Tory backbenchers and only a few more on the Labour

He must have felt like a Dutch football fan taking con solation in the fact that the Under-21 team had beaten

England Under 21s — that is to say, not consoled at all. The debate was ostensibly about sentencing policy. In fact, it was about almost everything except sentencing policy. A Labour MP talked about the "astronomical levels" of vehicle crime and implied that, if the figures were coming down, it was be-cause people didn't even

bother to report it. The Home Secretary laughed — "ha! ha!" is the way he laughs — and declared that vehicle crime (or "vickle crimm" as he calls it) had shown one of the biggest reductions of all.

"If he thinks that pipple do not report their vehicles lost, thin he is living in Cloud Cickoo Lind!" he asserted.
Dale Campbell-Savours
(Lab, Workington) said he had

been the victim of three crimes lately. "On the last occasion someone broke into my vehicle. Shall I tell you what I did? I did nothing! It's a waste of time. Your figures are a

Mr Howard ignored him. In-stead he called in aid the former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor. "I igree with the for-mer Lidd Chiff Justice that these sintinces are a chirade!

Since Lord Taylor had, be-fore his retirement, made the fiercest attack on a Home Sec-retary by a Lord Chief Justice

Mercifully short,

but not so sweet

Edward Greenfield ing. Stylistically, Il Corsaro. planned some years before it was completed, is largely a

Review

II Corsaro

Covent Garden

gent funding.

T was bold of Covent Gar-

mances of all Verdi's operas

— nearly 30 of them — before January 2001, the centenary o

his death. - foolhardy even,

at a time of ever more strin-

Not surprisingly, concert

performances are being called in aid, so that instead of the

needed, we had Il Corsaro, the second of Verdi's Byron-in-

spired operas, given half-mea

sure treatment with singers

Written in 1848, only three

pieces. Il Corsaro has the grea

modern point of view — of ex-

treme concision. Verdi's regu-lar librettist compressed By-

ron's melodrama about a bold pirate with a ruthlessness

worthy of a tabloid sub-editor

So far so good, particularly

for a concert performance, when on the whole it is just as

satisfying to imagine the hero

throwing himself off a cliff as

to see it represented, particu-

dian conductor as understand

ing as Evelino Pido in the pit. The commercial recording

of the work has given the lie to the old idea that this is a feeble

piece, but the contrast with this Covent Garden presenta-

was then owed to starry cast-

larly when you have a Ver-

today, so that a complicated story is rattled through in

barely 90 minutes.

merit - particularly from a

sitting in rows in evening

years before Rigoletto, the first of the supreme master-

stage production much

den to promise perfor-

ors assailed Judge leffries for his soft sentencing this was an historic example of chutzpah. It was like the wolf saying how warmly he agreed with Little Red Riding Hood on the subject of grand-

Next Mr Howard went for Jack Straw, reasonably enough, on the topic of cur-fews. He pointed out that Mr Straw's surprising policy. supposedly meant to drive loutish teenagers off the streets, had in the course of 24 hours turned into a device to protect under-10s for their

own safety.
"This was in the Guardian, so it must be right!" he shouted. (Being sarcastic about the Guardian is a stock in-trade of the more old-fashioned Tories. It's like those jokes about British Rail sandwiches, which continue years after the sandwiches have become rather good.)

Mr Straw. in turn, ignored this attack. He began by saying that the Home Secretary's speech was one of the most "puerile and pathetic". This was a feeble stout but this man was a feeble start, but things rapidly improved. There were ome 50.000 criminal offences in this country every day, he said. Crime had destroyed communities and forced people to change their whole way of life. The Government's record was the worst of any

Western government. (Actually, the United States still has a much worse crime rate than us, which presumably is why Mr Howard seeks guidance there so often. Per-haps he should learn from the Mayor of Washington DC, and put the police service under the control of a crooked, adulterous drug-abuser).

Mr Straw mocked the contrast between the Home Secre tary's rhetoric and the more problematic reality. He had produced a ringing slogan for the Tory conference. These days it had been rewritten: "If you don't want the time, don't the crime — except in certain exceptional cases where the courts are able to waive mandatory sentences .

Throughout it all, Mr How-ard sat silent, a piece of Home Office stationery on his lap, entirely unmarked. But it didn't matter. Like Bishop Berkeley's falling tree, since nobody had seen it, could Mr Straw's victory be said to have actually happened?

throwback to early Verdi. So it

is that the big jealousy aria for the wicked Pasha, Said, might

have been written to convey almost any emotion you could think of, ending with a vigor-

ous cabaletta that is no more

than Verdian rum-ti-tum. What such an aria needs is

fine singing, and that on this occasion it failed to get, with the Italian baritone, Roberto

Servile, snarling away in what should be smooth legato

What the recording brought out, too, is the fascinating con-trast between the two hero-

ines — the faithful Medora

(sung on the recording by Jessye Norman) and the Pasha's

seductive slave, Guinara (sung by Montserrat Caballe). Here the Ukrainian soprano, Viktoria Loukianets, as Me-

itally, the one fully satisfying

performance, strong and ton-ally beautiful, came from the

Argentinian tenor, José Cura, in the title role, who had a

throat infection. If this is what Cura can do when ill, one

looks forward to hearing him much more in any Italian rep-

(A second performance will

ertory he cares to choose.

be relayed live tomorrow night on BBB Radio 3)
This review appeared in later editions yesterday.



Traders on the London Metal Exchange, and above right, the exchange's logo



Criticisms levelled at the

No outside regulator — LME is self regulating and market is "cosy"

☐ Many financial products traded not within scope of LME regulators Much trading on behalf of firms which are not LME members

Metal prices subject to mercy of speculators ☐ Located in Britain

where little metal is produced or shipped Does not track unduly large deals like stock exchange

☐ Deals do not need to be PHOTOGRAPH: KENNETH SALINDERS backed by adequate funds

## Metal rigging clampdown

## Inquiry launched after £1.6bn loss

Patrick Donovan City Editor

TE Securities and Investment Board launched a full-scale investigation into the multi-billion pound City metal markets yeserday as part of its inquiry into evidence that there has been a worldwide attempt to ig trading in copper.

The move is an attempt to restore confidence in the running of the London Metal Exchange (LME) which has been badly dented by last week's announcement that the Japanese trading giant, Sumi-tomo, has made huge losses from fraudulent dealing activity carried out by "rogue trader" Yasuo Hamanaka.

Early indications suggest that the value of unauthorised trades carried out by Mr Haanaka could total as much as \$20 billion (£13 billion) and may involve other interna-

The announcement has triggered an international incial regulatory authorities. The LME is the world's biggest metal market and many of the suspect trades were carried out through its dealing floor. More than \$2,500 billion (£1,625 billion) worth of metal trading deals pass through

the market every year. Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investment Board, said be was announcing the review in response to the discovery of the Sumitomo losses which are estimated to amount to more than \$2.5 billion (£1.6 billion).

The review, which is un-precedented in the history of City trading, will include every aspect of metals deal-ing. It will also look at the way international regulators cooperate to oversee the Notebook, page 11

global commodity markets. The report is due to be published within six months.

Traders said the publicity surrounding the LME has caused "huge embarrassmen to the market authorities".

One of the LME's leading traders added: "This market is still very much the old chool City club and hates any kind of publicity. But it seems that a radical shake-up

As part of its investigation, Sir Andrew confirmed that the SIB would investigate the involvement of all British brokers engaged in trading with Mr Hamanaka. The in-quiry will include Winchester Commodities, the trading company, which is known to have had business links with the Japanese company.

Other inquiries being pur-sued by investigators include the US company Global Min-erals and Metals and a network of Guernsey-based com-modity trading businesses which were last month raided by local police.

In a separate statement David King, LME chief execu ous Fraud Office and finan-cial regulatory authorities. quiry and said it had been liaising with the board over allegations of copper fraud since the end of last year.

against allegations, first reported in the Guardian, that the LME had failed to react effectively to evidence passed to it by a US trader in engaged in irregular trading.

Mr King said he raised the

matter with the SIB and attended a meeting at its of-fices with Mr Hamanaka, other Sumitomo representatives and regulators. "Subse-quently... the director of Sumitomo publicly declared that the tax authorities were satis-fied with the circumstances."



Newcastle scrap dealer 'Freddie Senior' with the copper stockpile he is unable to sell

#### The victim

Weighing up the cost of traders' distorted prices

\*HR real victims of the global copper crisis are men like William Shep-herd, a 57-year-old Newcastle-based scrap dealer who has been in the business for nearly 40 years, writes Patrick Donovan.

Senior", as he is known in bodes badly for the scrap body offered to sell him a the business, was buying metal business Freddie ton of the metal and he was the business, was buying copper for £141 per hundredweight. Yesterday, it

would have fetched £64 — with a drop of 30 per cent in the last month. Freddie Senior blames this on international speculation by financial institutions. The result is that he is unable to sell his stock

because he would lose so much money in the process. Local businesses, mean-while, are unable to get the supplies they need for mak-ing everything from cables

ick Donovan. to electronic circuits. price has stabilised.

Last year. "Freddie It is a grim cycle which Earlier this week, some

Senior has spent a lifetime building up to employ 60 people and turn over £5 million a year.

He is understandably bit-

living handling ingots of metal, he can not under-stand the mentality of screen-based traders who distort the prices from trading screens as far afield as Tokyo. He warns that he is just one of hundreds of small metal dealers unable to deal in copper until the

unable to calculate a price.

The result is that big business is increasingly turning million a year.

He is understandably bitter. As a man who earns his itself, Such has been the demand that inventories are getting ominously low.
Two years ago LMR stocks

were 610,000 tons. Over the last few days they have fallen 17,000 tons to 267,000. And they are still falling.
"It's like a heart attack,"
says Freddie Senior, who keeps a daily chart of the copper price pencilled on the back of his office safe.

## Urban anglers find nothing to carp about

#### Fishing elbow to elbow at five tanks beside a busy train station

Kevin Sullivan in Tokyo

dora floated beautiful manis-simos from time to time, but for this role one needs a far ISHING at the Ichigaya
Fish Centre isn't much
different from dropping
a line into the lobster tank at for this role one needs a far sweeter, less edgy voice.
The Italian soprano Maria Dragoni, as Gulnara, sang with passion, but the best one can say is that her singing was like a Callas imitation without the imagination and with plenty of the vocal faults. Ironically the one fully satisfying Safeway — not much of a sporting challenge.
Twenty tons of carp are

stocked in five concrete tanks, tucked between a busy commuter train station and a traffic-choked street in the centre of Tokyo. Every day hundreds of fishermen pay £4.30 to rent a rod, sit elbo elbow on milk crates and drop line into slimy green water.

urban fishing is relaxing, challenging and uniquely suited to jampacked, concrete-encased Tokyo.
"What other choice do we have?" asked Jun Kobayashi,

aged 35, who was wearing a business suit and shiny leather dress shoes as he sat on a crate one Saturday morning dragged on a ciga-rette and waited for a carp to bite on the little ball of fish meal on his hook. "This is better than nothing." With 30 million people

crammed into Tokyo, every-thing is built small. Cars have retractable side mirrors to fit

crowded site near the end of in front of him. traffic and good fortune in Japanese the runway at Haneda air churned noisily as the traffic tradition, have always been port. barbecuing to the lights turned green. A dead stocked in palace mosts. The

scream of jet engines.
So a concrete fishing hole with fishermen lined up like so many birds on a wire makes sense, in a Tokyo sort

of way.
Hitoshi Koga, aged 53, came to Ichigaya dressed for serious fishing in an L.L. Bean fishing jacket with lots of Velcro and zipped pockets, and a camouflage cap attached with a small cord. Next to his fold-ing fishing stool, he kept his tackle box, cigarettes, an empty coffee flask and a big bag of chemical-green fishmeal bait. As the teacher and writer

dipped his rod into the 5ft-deep tank, the screech of brakes behind him signalled Many fishermen might say into narrow alleys; golfers brakes behind him signalled the arrival of another coming in a cage. But for the anglers of Ichigaya, their version of people pitch tents on a station. Up the concrete bank castle. Carp. a sign of health

lights turned green. A dead carp floated belly up near the end of his rod.

"I have loved fishing since I was a child," Mr Koga said. "But if I want to go fishing in real nature. It's a whole day's project. This place is 10 minites on the subway."
Mr Koga, who fishes here almost every day, said urban

fishing has a "special place" in the fishing world. "It's very difficult fishing. The carp who live here are so used to being caught, they already have many hooks in their mouths. They hate that. They don't want to be fished, but they are fighting hunger. So there is a real psychological battle between me and the

stocked in palace mosts. The imperial Palace's impressive orange ones that some Ichigaya fishermen said they would love to have a shot at catching - if it weren't for the fact that it would land them in jall.

Fishermen are allowed to take home one carp an hour, although few do. Carp are greasy to begin with, and liv-ing in the thick water of Ichigaya makes them fairly poor eating. Most people trade in fish for coupons for more fish-

ring time.

Yasuhito Watanabe and his
wife Keiko fish at Ichigaya
every weekend. Keiko's rod herked, then went still. A carp had stolen her bait and slith-ered away. Nothing to show for two hours on a milk crate.

#### Major's about-face on beef

continued from page 1 have to be voluntary since there were no authoritative records available of cattle of this

age. The framework measures include an effective system for recording the identification and movement of every animal, and legislation to

Brown and the

remove meat and bone meal from animal feed.
Britain will be expected to produce fortnightly reports on progress and regular inspections and reports will spections and reports will spections and reports will also be produced by EU offi-

cials to prevent evasion.
Officials said some commissioners were reluctant to ensioners were rejuctant to en-dorse the framework until there were clear signs of a British climbdown. EU heads of government will have to de-cide at Florence whether they

#### Cheshire care worker 'sexually abused boys'

Vivek Chaudhary

A FORMER care worker at Cheshire children's home used young boys stay-ing there to indulge in his perverted sexual fantasies, a jury at Chester crown court was told yesterday.

The care worker, aged 46, who cannot be named for legal reasons, preyed on vullbation, oral sex and buggery.

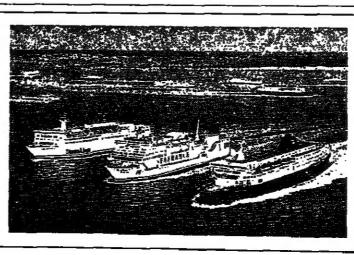
nerable boys sent to the home from across the North-west of England, Mervyn Hughes, prosecuting, told the court. The defendant denies seven charges of indecent assault and two charges of buggery, Mr Hughes told the court out a number of sexual acts on young boys, from touching

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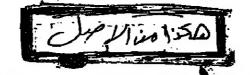
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## Turner shortlist fails to shock

'It's very boring and very dull. When you think that there's probably only one artist every generation who is any good, it's not surprising that they start scraping the bottom of the barrel'

Dan Glaister on a centest between four British men for £20,000 annual award

the most controversial shortlist in the recent history of the Turner Prize. For others it will provide a welcome rest from the "But is it art?" debate. The 1996 shortlist announced yesterday by Nick Serota, director of the Tate Gallery, in-cludes four British artists, all male, chosen by a panel

of four jurors, all male. But after Damien Hirst took the £20,000 prize last year with his formaldehyde-encased sheep, and Rachel Whiteread in 1993 with her concrete-encased house, the big shock in this year's shortlist was the absence of anything shocking.

Work by the four nomi-ness — Bouglas Gordon, Craigle Horsfield, Gary Hume, and Simon Patter-son — will go on show at the Tate in October. The winner will be announced in a ceremony to be broadcast live on Channel 4 on

November 26:
Douglas Gorden, aged 29, gained attention this year for his slowed-down version of the film Psycho, screened as part of the Hayward Gallery's Spellbound exhibition. It lasted 24





and portraiture. Gary Hume, aged 29, is a painter, described by James Lingwood, one of the judges, as "a lyrical painter of the British zeitgeist at this incredibly interesting moment in British culture." His works include a surreal portrait of Tony

Blackburn. Simon Patterson, also 29, uses familiar images to sub-vert the signs and symbols which rule our lives. Mr Serota said the jury

had been surprised at the Craigie Horsfield, aged absence of women on the 46, has come to prominence shortlist. "Maybe there is in the past eight years. His no single manifestation by black and white photographs explore urban life the eye," he said.

rector of the Whitechapel Gallery and a former Turner prize judge, pro-fessed surprise that no women were included. "Cornelia Parker must have been considered [for her glass case at the Serpentine containing the actress Tilda Swinton] and Tracy Ermine and Georgina Starr have both produced notable work this

Simon Patterson, 6/4 favourite with William Hill to win the prize, was sur-prised by the nomination. "I didn't know I was up for it until last week," he said. Nominations can be made by the public, and by the

know where and when the

judges. This year's ju-considered 100 artists. "The Turrer prize is al-ways good fam," said Mr Patterson. "Til just have to see how I cope with the atstrewn works in progress, bits of wood, canvasses and prints of his current work, based on the periodic

His best-known piece, The Great Bear, a play on the London Underground map, was propped against one wall. In the map, the names of stations and underground lines are changed. The Northern Line becomes The Film Actors' Line, the Victoria Line is devoted to Italian artists,

tables.

trict Line is for Saints. . The four will exhibit at

the Tate until January. In

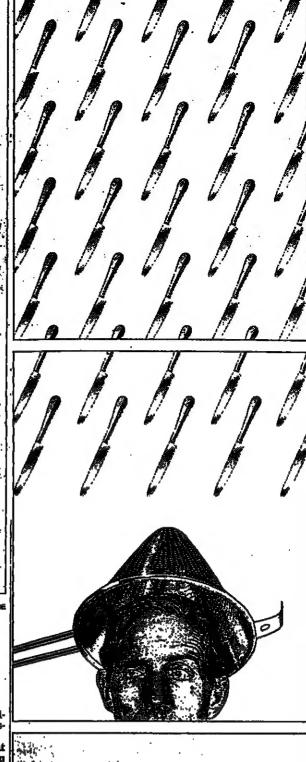
"While we may not get the same level of tabloid ineral level of public interes

year to see other works."
David Lee, editor of Art
Review magazine, was surprised the jury had chosen
a shortlist lacking in notoriety. "I would have
thought they would have capitalised on the publicity from last year," he said. "It's very boring and very dull. When you think that there's probably only one

artist every generation who is any good, it's not surprising that they start scraping the bottom of the barrel."

Gary Hume said he thought Damien Hirst should have been nomi-nated for a second time "for doing what he does". The Turner Prize was

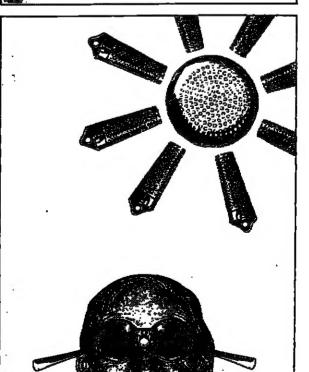
founded in 1984. The first winner was Malcolm Mor-ley, and subsequent win-ners have included Howard Hodgkin, Gilbert & George, Richard Long and Antony



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Martyn Haisali and Duncan Campbell

out-face

OLICE hunting the Manchester bombers yesterday issued the first descriptions of two booded men who drove the bomb to the city centre, and the courier who paid for its purchase with an envelope containing £2,009.

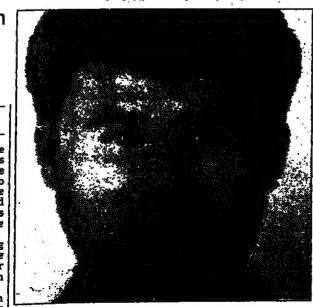
Detectives are also seeking a woman who they believe could help give them a clear description of one of the men

they are hunting.

Details emerged as a team of 60 detectives started trying to trace the team which planted one of the largest hombs detonated on the British mainland. It left more than 200 injured and caused an estimated £300 million

Detectives are now scrutinising videos which have been handed to the police to try and establish details in the bomb vehicle's last journey from Peterborough, Cam-bridgeshire, to Manchester. Assistant Chief Constable Colin Phillips of Greater Manchester Police, who is leading the hunt for the bombers, yes-terday issued the descriptions in Manchester before travelling to Peterborough, where the vehicle was bought on Fri-

made a second appeal for



'E' fit of the man seen asking taxi driver to deliver package

approached by a man about noon on Friday and offered money to deliver a package. The man, who spoke with an Irish accent and whose

"E" fit was released yesterday, was described as between 35 and 40 years old, with a clean-shaven, round face. He had inch-long light brown hair and was said to be heavily built and "somewhat

overweight".
"He was wearing a pale, blue coloured buttoned-up shirt with long sleeves fas-tened at the wrist, and dark olive-coloured stacks," said day afternoon and where he Mr Phillips. "He was of a general untidy appearance."

At a later Peterborough

next to the Tesco store in the her 40s with jet black hair centre of Peterborough, was who had been at the taxi rank at the time to come forward. The woman was known to booded sweatshirt under a Lave watched the man talking dark blue cagoule, also to fwo taxi drivers. Police believe she may have a good description of the man as she had asked the second taxi driver what he had been talking to him about.

Mr Phillips said there were two other men in the Ford van when it was parked and abandoned in Corporation Street, Manchester. After leaving it both walked off along Corporation Street, crossing Cannon Street towards Cateaton Street.

Mr Phillips appealed for anyone who saw the whitevitnesses.

He said a taxt driver at the press conference, Mr Phillips name Jack Roberts Transport can. Morale in the team is and political ambitions of his sided vehicle, which had the front of a rank on Broadway. | asked for a white woman in | on the front and the doors of | very high."

its red cab, on its 132-mile journey to Manchester. The driver would probably have stopped to buy diesel, and the police are also anxious to

bomb was assembled.

A video released yesterday showed the van, with its distinctive untreated plywood rear door, parked on double vellow lines in Manchester. Police believe one of the men in the van may have talked to someone in St Mary's Gate, Manchester minutes before it was parked at 9.20 am. We are desperlenger, in the run-off next month. ately trying to sort that out," said Mr Phillips. 'We know

who the person was, and we are just trying to trace them." He described one of the men as white, aged between 20 and 30, of slim build and between 5ft Sins and 5ft 10ins tall. The man was wearing a navy blue hooded sweatshirt under a lark blue cagoule-type jacket,

which was zipped. His companion was also white, aged between 30 and 40, of medium build and about 6ft tall. He was wearing a grey zipped. He was described as having a long nose.

Both men wore sunglasses and had the hoods of their sweatshirts over their heads, and both were possibly wearing jeans. After leaving the van, the driver walked along the road for a few yards, along Corporation Street. His companion walked along the

down. It's going to be a very difficult and long inquiry and we are determined to amass as much information as we supporter, but has vast funds

### **Election boost** for Yeltsin

David Hearst in Moscow

ORIS YELTSIN'S campaign to retain the presidency received a boost yesterday when three of the defeated candidates in Sunday's first-round election and day's first-round election announced they would not sup-port Gennady Zyuganov, Mr Yeltsin's Communist chal-

Svyatoslav Fyodorov, the millionaire eye surgeon who won 700,000 votes on Sunday, said he would support Mr Yeltsin — a day after the former army general Alexander Lebed, who came third with 11 million votes, joined Mr Yeltsin's kitchen cabinet. The radical nationalist Vla-

dimir Zhirinovsky, and the liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky said they would not support Mr Zyuganov, but failed to endorse the president.

Desperate to stay in the game, Mr Zyuganov and his team counterattacked yesterday, praising key members of Mr Yeltsin's new team while trying to prise voters away. The Communists' message is that a country as divided as Russia can only be governed hy the broadest possible coalition.

The Zyuganov charm offensive started yesterday when Mikhail Lapshin, the leader of the leftwing Agrarian Mr Phillips sald: "We are of the leftwing Agrarian determined to track them Party, said Yuri Luzhkov, the mayor of Moscow, would be a good choice as prime minister. Mr Luzhkov is a Yeltsin

Mr Zyuganov met and praised Mr Lebed, the new secretary of the powerful National Security Council. He maintained voters were not sheep who would follow Messrs Lebed, Fyodorov and

Zhirinovsky into the Yeltsin There was no triumphalism in the YeltsIn camp yester-day. It is divided between those who want to crush the Communists and those who urge compromise, in the knowledge that they might need communist help in fore. stalling a wave of industrial unrest in the autumn, if the near-bankrupt federal budget is unable to pay July and August wages. Mr Yelfsin cancelled a trip

to the G7 summit in Lyon next week, frightened to leave the country at such a critical time. The second round could be very close, and presiden-tial advisers fear a low turnout - many richer Yeltsin supporters go on holiday in

Vyacheslav Nikonov, an adviser, said that a turnout of only 60 million could lose Mr Yelisin the election. With defections from the Lebed, Zhirinovsky and Fyodorov camps. the Communist leader could muster 30 million votes. It would only take a need mili-tary setback in Chechenia.

The Central Election Commission yesterday proposed bringing the vote farward to Wednesday July 3, a date sur-prisingly agreed by Mr Zyn-ganov. Mr Yeltsin favours a weekday, when his supporters are in town, as opposed to a Sunday when they are at

### TV TIMES: Network chief attacks diet of sex and violence ● Children prefer adult shows ● Non-stop video games







## Television 'is sinking into sleaze'

**Programmes** 'would once have been shown only in Soho clip joints'

**Andrew Culf** 

INSTREAM elevision is in ing into a mire of sleaze and violence, one of Britain's most senior broadcasters warned last night.

Bruce Gyngell, managing director of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, said some of ITV's late night shows would previously have been screened only in Soho clip joints, while peak time dramas subjected viewers to an unremitting diet of violence. He told an audience of tele-

vision executives the medium should not be used to shock and offend by depicting extremes of behaviour.

Mr Gyngell, who returned to British television a year iter iwo years in Australia, said: "In the past five argued. "We broadcasters years there has been a steady corrosion of values. A me-dium that once celebrated all that was positive and good in our culture is now beginning to denigrate those values."



Bruce Gyngell: media should not be used to shock media

has taken a firm line against programmes such as The Good Sex Guide and God's Gift, a late night dating game, by banning them from the Yorkshire region.

"We have reached the stage where so-called entertain-ment, which once could only be found in the seedy cellars and basements of Sobo clip joints, is paraded on television as if it were respectable." he told a Royal Televison Society dinner in London.

Managers should not be afraid to censor, Mr Gyngell have that duty - to consider what we put out, to ensure that it does not undermine It would have been better to

have had a public debate

nis Potter's last works, Kar-aoke and Cold Lazarus — screened by BBC1 and Chan-nel 4 and criticised for their strong language — "instead of rushing to indulge the delu-sions of a dying man". ITV drama including The Governor, Band of Gold, and Cracker, had great merit, but

Cracker, had great merit, but scheduling them in a block over the weekend was "too dark, too heavy and perhaps too ominous". Mr Gyngell asked: "What

are we doing to our sensibil-ities and moral values, and more importantly, those of our children, when day after day, we broadcast an unremitting diet of violence, extremes of sexuality, and of conflictual negative behaviour?
"We have gone too far down the road of so-called freedom,

and our terrestrial television is in danger of becoming a mire of salaciousness, negativity and violence. It's not all right that the worst excesses are late at night: children do watch then, and they do have video recorders."

: ITV was in danger of throw-ing away the public's trust for the sake of a few rating points

late at night. It had become fashionable among certain sections of the television community to vie for BBC TV, warned: "If with each other to see who could produce the most ris-

Mr Gyngell denied his views were illiberal or anti-creative; it was the job of broadcasters to improve stan-The former TV-am chief about the suitability of Den- dards not destroy them.

#### Children reveal adult viewing tastes as soaps beat shows for young in ratings

CHILDREN prefer adult programmes, including EastEnders, Brookside and The X-Files, rather than shows specifically made for their seconds. their age range, according to research published yes-terday, writes Andrew Culf.

Australian scaps, includ-ing Home and Away and Neighbours, were more popular choices than Blue Peter or Grange Hill among

reter or Grange Hill among children questioned for the ChildWise Monitor Survey.

The findings coincided with a BBC governors' seminar in which the future of children's broadcasting in a digital, multi-channel environment was discussed.

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Senior BBC executives
warned it must adapt its
£80 million, 1,200 hours-ayear children's output or risk jeopardising the corporation's future. David Docherty, control-

children do not inherit, choose and habitually learn the values of public service broadcasting from a schedule that makes them laugh think and learn, the BBC future will be jeopardised." Michael Green, control-

#### **Watching without Mother** Programmes attracting largest a of 4- to 15-year-olds Batween Jan - May 1996 ( 000s) Honey I Blew Up the Kids (ITV) Gladietors: The Ashes (ITV) 2,772 2,735 2,677 Lottery Live (BBC1) 2,547 Demon Headmester (BBC1)

Survey of 1,002 children, aged 7-17-years old, % forme and Away (ITV) Neighbours (BBC1) Soldier, Soldier (ITV) EastEnders (BBC1) The X-Files (BBC1) Match of the Day (BBC1)

ler of Radio 4, said the appetite of children for radio drama and story-telling dren watched after the 9pm

He said only 10 per cent of the audience for the Sunday night drama slot aimed at youngsters consisted of children. Children's BBC wins a 40

per cent share of the children's audience, but faces increasing cable and satel-

The ChildWise survey revealed a big increase in cable and satellite viewing, with 46 per cent of children watching them in 1995. compared to 34 per cent the previous year.

cent had TV sets in their

bedrooms

#### Cable channel offers Sonic the Hedgehog video game round the clock

Stuart Millar

VIDEO games like Sonic the Hedgehog and Ecco the Dolphin became available round the clock yesterday with the launch of the Sega Channel Europe's first interactive games network.

For a subscription of £10 per month, cable television households will be able to buy 24-hour access to 25 games each month, as well as previews of new titles.

Educationists vesterday voiced concern about the amount of time children spent on computer games. Research last year by Plymouth university found that one in four played more than 30 hours a week, at the ex-

pense of homework. Tim Gill, policy officer at the Children's Play Council, said the video games must be than 50 per cent of the capter of the capt put into context. "It's not a matter of these things being good or bad. These games are kept indoors more because of concerns about the safety of the outdoor environment

Sega said that parents could programme the system to con-trol the hours per week their



Reg, from ITV's Scratchy & Co. at the Sega launch

children could play on it. Games also have a four-tier rating, allowing parents to bar access to unsuitably vio-lent levels using a personal identification number sys-

Telewest Communications, Britain's largest operator, has become the first network to take the channel.

Sega is likely to increase the cable market: children under 15 account for more viewing audience. Figures published this month by the Independent Television Commission show ed that more people sign up for cable companies' cheap phone services' than buy their TV packages.

The channel will also strengthen Sega's grip on the British video games market

## Court focuses on 'blurred wedding video'

EDDING videos are all the rage these days, and there was plenty of that at Birmingham crown court yesterday. So much for the film being a treasured record of the happiest day in the lives of David Farrell and Sarah Edwards.

Paul Miles, a professional cameraman who has worked on Tomorrow's World and Boon, found his video proved anything but for the Wolverhampton couple. It is said to have included out of focus shots of the bride's dress guests' faces merging into the shadows; and blurred zoom shots at St Phillip's Church, Wolverhampton, on August



Barrie Blackmore . . . wants refund and compensation

6 last year. for £750 compensation, and is Barrie Blackmore, of Bar claiming back the £275 the





Paul Miles . . . claimed video would be fine after editing

rie's Profesional Video Service in Kingswinford. West charged. He had hired Mr Miles for £750 compensation, and is claiming back the £275 the charged. He had hired Mr Miles to make the video, and wants his £70 fee returned. The two men bickered control of the content origin. Mr Blackmore, representing himself, told Mr Miles: "This kind of work is an insult to British television cor-

throughout yesterday's hearing. Mr Blackmore, representing himself, repeatedly interrupted when questioning Mr Miles. Judge David McCarthy warned him: "Please do not be offensive to a witness in Wolverhampton county

court, sitting in Birmingham, had previously watched the video on a television Mr Blackmore had brought to court.
Mr Miles alleged the contrast and colour settings had

been tampered with to make his video look bad. A court television was used yester-day; still the men failed to agree on the correct brighting here the type of tape you would produce for the networks?"

Mr Miles, a senior lecturer in television studies at Sand-well College in the West Mid-lands, believed his edited and colour-enhanced tape of the wedding was of merchantable

quality.

He had offered to improve the video before the newlyweds returned from honey moon. But Mr Blackmore had refused to hand over a copy. He had gone to his employers, ing media exposure. Mr Miles said: "If he was a

businessman of repute, his sole intention would be to his client. I had never known a company try to get retribu-tion like this rather than sort

## Tanker pilot accused

Paul Brown invironment Correspondent

OHN Pearn, pilot of the tanker Sea Empress which ran aground at Milford Haven in February, appeared before a tribunal esterday charged with behaving with either incompe

ence or misconduct. Mr Pearn, aged 34, faces los-ing his licence and his job if found guilty by the three-man tribunal from the board of the Milford Haven Port Authority, which is meeting in

There was surprise yesterday that the authority, some of whose members may face criticism over the oil spill

report on the incident. Mr role, and why the tanker

A spokesman for the au-thority said he had continued

On February 15 the ship hit

Pearn was charged under the Pilotage Act of 1987 with 'misconduct or incompetence affecting his capabilities as a

in his job since the incident. However, the government inquiry report would not be published for another 18 months, and it was felt any action against the pilot should be taken sooner rather than later.

the rocks on its way into Milford Haven with 150,000 tonnes of crude oil on board. Around 70,000 tonnes of the oil spilled into the sea and contaminated the coast. The clean-up is still under way. disaster, is acting against the pliot before the Department of Transport has issued its own into Mr Pearn's conduct and the hearing was conclude today.

apparently veered off course on to the rocks. All sides are represented by lawyers. Mr Pearn has chosen not to speak publicly since the accident.

If the allegations against him are proved his pilor's licence could be suspended or revoked, effectively stopping him from working. He would have the right of appeal to the full board of the port authority and the courts.

Some fellow pilots have complained privately that the hearing is like a court mar-tial, and they fear that Mr Pearn will be made a scapegoat even though others in more senior positions had roles in the disaster.

Mike Hyslop, the authority's general manager, said the hearing was expected to

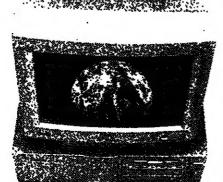
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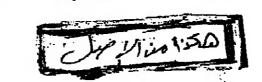
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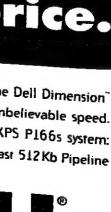




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## 'Gritty' Major deploys balancing act to stay on the EU tightrope



OHN Major yesterday warned both sides in the running controversy over the future shape of Europe that he will go on fighting for the flexible Anglo-Saxon model, even if it remain the troubl in the European oyster."

Faced with a simmering feud within his party. Mr

mendous benefits from being part of Europe. While I have made clear that I will not allow Britain to be absorbed into centralised federal structures, neither do I contemplate turning our back on Europe," he said. Warning his EU partners

that the threat to their prosperity will come from eastern Europe as well from Asia in the next 20 years, the Prime Minister insisted that Britain's deregulated, low tax apment was the best way forward. "Our arguments

are arguments we must seek | will nonetheless amony EU col-to win not just for Britain, but | leagues gathering for the sum-for Europe as a whole," he | mit in Florence. | but it is nonsense to sugg the only choice is to acc for Europe as a whole," he told a City audience in Goldnamed after the founder of the Referendum Party.

Mr Major attacked the social chapter — "it has good antenand said the EU faced an eco more competitive as well as a political challenge "to accommodate an enlarged member-ship with increasingly diverse

On a day when a Harris poll for the Independent shows strong hostility to a single Euro-currency when blunt questions are asked of French and German as well as British

Without directly reminding his other audience in Brussels of their protectionist tra-ditions and their history of wartime conquest and defeat, Mr Major argued that Brit-ain's instincts and traditions crucial respects.

"Of course, we have much more in common than divides us. But we are instinctive free traders. Not all our partners share those same instincts Our 20th century experiences are different ... Our politics are more black and white more adversarial, more blood and thunder, so we are sometimes uneasy partners. That may mean bumpy times ahead,

Europe as it is offered, or negotiate an exit." said Mr Major who offered a distinctly un-apologetic justification of his tactics over beef and the post-Maastricht review.

Urging respect for widely-different traditions, he said: Political structures simply won't work unless their legiti-macy is accepted willingly by the people they govern. That's why I believe in retaining the

tal unit of sovereignty."
Yet he went on to list issues on which closer co-operation could develop, ranging from defence and anti-crime work to reform of EU institutions.

## BSE cull extension deal signals big British retreat

Stephen Bates in Streeboom

RITAIN yesterday signalled agreement to the cull of up to an addi-tional 67,000 elderly cattle to prevent the collapse of the Florence summit, save John pect of the Government's

ation policy dragging on into mer, then agriculture minis-the autumn. mer, turned down a £10 million

The Government still insists tend the cull to include those born in 1989 from BSE-infected herds are scientifically unnec-essary and difficult to implement, because mandatory birth records for cattle were only introduced in 1990.

was increased ve

plan to set up a national cattle database which could have saved some of the £600 million cost of slaughtering cows to prevent the disease spreading. The cull agreed yesterday is in addition to the slaughter of

all animals aged more than 30 months, or at the end of their working lives, which the Gov-ernment has started to imple-

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cattle, or could be as few as a third of that number, since many are likely already to have been killed routinely or because of the emergency BSE culling policy.

Extending the cull amounts to a considerable change in

Britain's position since the crisis broke in March. First the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, suggested the number of extra cattle to be culled, apart from those older than 30 months would be in the "low tens of thousands". Then he insisted 42,000 would

be the highest number he could persuade MPs to accept. In May, the Government suddenly said it would be prepared to slaughter up to 80,000 cattle. The latest retreat, accepted yesterday by Keith Meldrum, the chief veterinary officer, at a meeting of the veterinary committee in Brussels, takes that figure to nearly 150,000.

The veterinary committee indicated last Friday that it would be prepared — despite misgivings from some member states — to accept a culling policy dated back to 1989, the year the Government first instructed farmers to stop feed ing animal meal to their stock. The proposal — which Mr Hogg had insisted a day ear-lier was based on "a pretty slight foundation" when he appeared before the Com-

mons agricultural committee

diplomatic logiam in advance Britain originally baulked at the extra year parly be-cause of the difficulties of tracing animals born before the birth registration policy

was introduced. Robin Turner, director of National Milk Records, confirmed yesterday that tracing infected cattle and pinpointing of herds at risk would be far easier if a national database mooted in the late 1980s

were in operation. Mr Turner said the was suggested between 1988 and 1990 as a way of improving genetic standards of cattle.
"Arguments against it included the technology was cumbersome, and that it would cost £10 million to introduce, and the industry was divided over it. But the main reason was that the Ministry of Agriculture signalled that it

A compromise voluntary system covers only 1.2 million cattle. But yesterday Tony Baldry, the junior agriculture minister, said officials were discussing an extension of the existing database with National milk Records, in a parliamentary reply to Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath. Mr Hain said yesterday: "For the small investment of £10 million, at least part of a £600 million bill could have avoided and Britain's beef exports might now be back on was accepted to break the

not prepared to fund it."

#### Blair shift on employment rights alarms union leaders

and Martin Kettle

TRADE union leaders yes-terday reacted with dis-may to Tony Blair's public downgrading of legal rights at work in his Monday speech to German industrialists, and the growing signals that Labour is moving away from John Smith's promise of full employment rights for all

The issue led to sharp ex-changes between Blair loyalists and critics at yesterday's Trades Union Congress gen-eral council meeting. The firefighters' leader Ken Cameron said later that ditching the former Labour leader's commitment to protection from unfair dismissal for all would be an "absolute disgrace'

Others drew comfort from the fact that a Labour policy paper on employment rights due to be published tomorrow will say only that the qualifying period for unfair dismissal protection — currently two years — is under review.

Mr Blair's office tried to
dampen speculation that his comments in Bonn on rethinking "our philosophy in relation to the labour market" could be interpreted as wholesale opposition to enactient of new rights for workers by a Labour government. But they stressed the Labour leader did not believe that job security could be achieved firough legislation alone.

The Smith commitment to unifair dismissal protection from day one was offered as a public olive branch at the TUC in 1993 after the exclusion of unions from Labour parliamentary selections. The first sign that Labour was moving away from it came last week at the GMB general union conference in Blackpool, when Labour's deputy leader John Prescott omitted it from his prepared speech.

Eric Hobebewm, page 9

MP in legal challenge on eve of Labour seat re-run

Eriend Clouston

THE elegibility of two dozen Labour Party members to vote in a crucial perliamen-tary selection comest will be challenged in the courts today. MP Mike Watson, fighting for his political life against millionaire Mohammed Sarwar, claims the party has broken its own rules in allowing the 24 to participate in this weekend's re-run vote to decide Labour's candidate in the new Glasgow Govan constituency, a safe Labour seat. Mr Watson, the 47-year-old MP for Glasgow Central, claims discrepancies between members' registered Labour Party addresses and the elec-toral roll rules them out of a ballot which he won first time round by a single vote.

His lawyer will ask the Court of Session in Edinburgh to disqualify the 24 from a ballot ordered by Labour's national executive committee after 43-year-old Mr Sarwar, a Glasgow councillor bidding to become the first parliamentary represen-tative of the United Kingdom's three million Muslims. threatened legal action over the blackballing of 51 votes in the original contest.

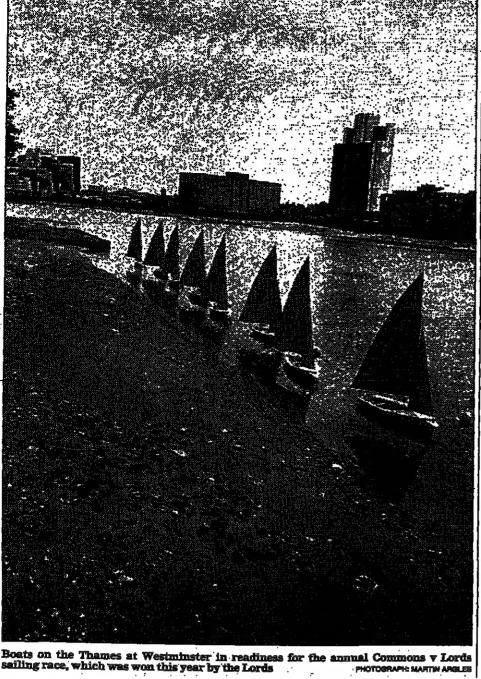
Labour's rulebook says there should be no confusion over members' homes, unless there are exceptional circumstances. The party refused to comment on Mr Watson's action, but it will not have amused national officials who helped compile a list of around 500 purportedly elegi-ble voters after allegations of racism, forgery and enforced recruitment.

 Alan Howarth, the MP who defected from the Tories last year, yesterday put himself forward as a possible prospec-tive Labour candidate for the Manchester seat of Wythenshawe and Sale East at the next election. The new constituency can be regarded as a safe Labour seat.



**Emotions may be complex** but divorce is, in essence, about the ownership of property, capital and children.

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### Zodiac killing suspect held

lan Katz in New York

OLICE believe they have caught a serial killer who terrorised New York for several months in 1990 by vowing to murder one person born under each sign of the

The alleged killer, who called himself Zodiac, was arrested after a shootout with police that befitted the Hollywood thriller his story is certain to inspire. Police linked Heriberto

Seda, aged 29, with the zo-diac killings after noticing similarities between his language and letters claiming responsibility for the star sign attacks. A detec tive recognised an astrological symbol which Mr Seda drew on a statement about Tuesday's shooting

rampage.

Police claim to have matched Mr Seda's finger-prints against partial prints found at the scene of one of the zodiac killings and on a letter from the killer. Acthe three murders attributed to Zodiac.

Mr Seda emerged yester-day as a reclusive, unem-ployed weapons fanatic who had amassed a vast arsenal of home-made guns and bombs. Neighbours said he rarely left his

According to one, he was seen last week standing outside his home shouting: Tm going to start killing. I'm going to start killing motherfuckers because I'm

He was arrested after he



Date with destiny ... Police in New York lead away Heriberto Seda, who is believed responsible for the 1990 "Zodiac" killings PHOTOGRAPH BRUCE COTLER

he shared with her and their mother. He then opened fire on police and edestrians on a crowded Brooklyn street.

dred officers pinned down with raking fire from his He was arrested after he fore agreeing to surrender. shot his sister, Gladys Before giving himself up, Reyes, aged 17, in the flat Mr Seda filled three buck-

ets lowered by police from | was abot before dawn on a | the attacks and taunted | have rifled the personal ef-the roof with at least 13 | Thursday, precisely 21 days | police in letters to news | fects of his victims. | For a while the gunman The Zodiac shootings had all the ingredients to cap-

ture the imagination of a city already unnerved by an apparent epidemic of vipeared to be randomly cho-sen in all respects other

The victims included 30-year-old homeless man

shot in Ceutral Park and a 78-year-old man attacked outside his Brooklyn home. trological symbols of his first three victims on a note

One of the largest police task forces ever assemble in the city was bemused by how the killer knew the star signs of his victims Only one could recall being asked about his birthdate

seemed to disappear but someone claiming to be the Zodiac killer wrote to the New York Post in naval code in 1994 claiming to attacked five more people, killing two of them. His message ended: "Be

## Clinton aide named in funds trial

the White House con-tinued yesterday as President Clinton's closest political adviser was named, in a deliberate echo of the original Watergate scan-dal, as "an unindicted co-conspirator" in a criminal case in Little Rock.

Only the statute of limita-tions spared Bruce Lindsey, the last of the Arkansas loyalists still in the White House, from a criminal charge for his handling of the finances of Mr Clinton's 1990 campaign for re-election as governor of

Arkansas.

Mr Clinton stood firmly by Mr Lindsey, saying: "He was thoroughly investigated and not charged. He didn't do anything wrong. I have absolute confidence in him."

Mr Lindsey is deputy counsel to the president, a post for-merly held by another Arkan-sas lawyer, Vince Foster, whose suicide in July 1998 plunged the administration into a swirt of scandal and al-legations from which it has egations from which it has never quite recovered.

"What is significant, after many long months of inquiry, is that he is not indicted." said the White House spokesman, Mike McCurry, putting the bravest face on the latest

Republican assault. Outside an election year, the failure of the Republican prosecution to bring charges against the president's man White House, But the effect, homediately after the damping accusations by the Republicans on the Senate Whitewater committee and

gest that," the White House replied yesterday when asked McCurry gave the same answer 24 hours earlier when asked about the future of Craig Livingstone, head of the office of personnel security, the man responsible for the improper requests for the FBI files on more than 400

Republicans.
Mr Livingstone is "on in-definite administrative leave" - the political equivalent of helping the police with their inquiries. The House committee on government op-erations began its hearings into "Filegate", as the FBI af-

fair is known, yesterday. The justice department and the FBI are making their own inquiries into the way the FBI's secret files on Republicans as prominent as the for-mer secretary of state James Baker and the former press secretary Marlin Fitzwater were kept in a White House vault for more than a year.

Mr Lindsey was named by the prosecution in the trial of two bankers in Little Rock, Arkansas. Herbert Branscum and Robert Hill, co-owners of the Perry County bank, are charged with concealing cash payments and illegal pay-ments to the Clinton

campaign. Mr Lindsey, tne campaign treasurer, has in effect been accused of conspiring with the bankers to hide the cash payments, which were used in a traditional Southern way for a get-out-the-vote effort among black electors. He said yesterday that his naming was "a procedural device" which would let the prosecution introduce otherwise in-

## Europe's car pollution plan stuck in slow lane Home workers' rights

Stephen Bates in Strasbourg

TRICTER controls on Vehicle emission levels, designed to reduce pollution by 70 per cent over the next decade, were proposed by the European Commission yesterday and immediately ing in Strasbourg, has pro-drew attacks from both the voked strong opposition from industry

Lobbyists claimed the planned controls on diesel and petrol contents were so lax they did not meet average European standards on the composition of fuel.

Under the plan, critics argued, control levels would still be a third higher in a decade than those already enforced in some Scandinavian countries and the United States, and would prove "woe-fully inadequate" in reducing

The proposals even raise

states such as Sweden and Finland coming into conflict with the European Union over their attempts to impose stricter tax penalties on less environmentally friendly

grades of petrol.

The directive, adopted by the Commission at its meetand industry during its three years in preparation. Last night, MEPs were saying it would be heavily rewritten when it comes before the European Parliament.

But three of the 20 commissioners most closely involved in drawing up the proposals said they would hugely im-prove air quality at negligible cost to consumers, raising petrol prices by the equiva-lent of less than a gallon a year for drivers doing about 8,000 miles a year.

mark's environment commis-

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sioner, said: "The programme will lead to a considerable improvement in air quality and benefit to everyone in the

The directive proposed a

The proposals are seen as a missed chance to tackle urban air problems'

two-stage implementation process. There would be tighter emission standards higher quality standards for petrol and diesel by the start of the year 2000. Further proposals — to be made by the Commission in the light of

available evidence by the end Ritt Bjerregaard, Den- of 1998 - would be imple-

carbon monoxide by 70 per cent from current levels by 2010 and cutting nitrogen oxides by 65 per cent during the same period. It demands iments in car manufac turing standards and the phasing out of non-leaded fuel by the turn of the century, al-though member states could apply for temporary delays of

> The directive suggests nember states could extend tax breaks and differentials to companies which meet emis-sion standards earlier than the deadlines.

> The cost to industry would be about £5 billion a year for the first decade of the next century, with the oil-refining industry alone facing extra costs of more than £700 mil-

Carlo Cucchi, director of

the European Auto Manufac-turers' Association, said: "We can meet these controls but it will increase manufacturing costs by between 3 and 5 per cent at a time when manufacturers are operating on profit nargins of 2 per cent. 'Our chief problem though

is that while we are being ducers are being asked to do very little. Diesel fuels already meet these standards. It is not a fair burden for us." But the Arco Chemical Europe oil refiners said the diractive fell short of standards

already in force in Scandinavia, stating that while it set a But the Buropean environment bureau dismissed the proposals: "They are woefully inadequate and seen as a Buropean average 40 per cent."

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Owen Bennett Jones in Geneva

FIERCE row has develmbly of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva over whether it should adopt an international convention to protect the rights of home workers. There will be a vote on the issue later today.

A draft convention, which has already been prepared by an ILO committee, defines home workers as people who work for an employer but not on the employer's premises. The convention aims to protect workers who are effectively employees of a company, but who do not have the legal protection enjoyed by

regular employees. Gizella Schneider, an ILO official, has long been con-cerned about the plight of home workers. "With the globalisation of the economy there is a trend towards more work," she said, "This means there are many workers who fall outside the normal protection provided for employees."
There are no reliable fig-

workers worldwide but it is generally agreed that they constitute a growing element of the global workforce.

Employers' representatives at the ILO assembly are opposing the adoption of the the employers' arguments are Britain to vote against.

BRITAIN yesterday prom-ised to play an active role

in the search for peace in Cy-prus at a time when Aegean tensions and the divided is-

Britain, one of Cyprus's three "guarantor powers", last month appointed its own

special representative, the former ambassador to the

United Nations, Str David

ground on basic issues before

new talks with the Turkish

Cypriot leader, Rauf Denk-tash. The leaders of the two

communities last met in Octo-

ber 1994 in a series of UN-

sponsored informal discus-

sions. Mr Denktash declared

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sary to the region.

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

convention, which would little better than sophistry.

They say that the real contional law. They argue that it cerns of the employers do not is impossible to adequately define a home worker.

"You can't just have a onefits-all convention," says Thomas Moorhead, who is representing United States employers at the ILO assem-bly. "You cannot have one definition which covers garment makers in India and well-paid tele-commuters in California with their

You cannot have one definition that covers both India and California'

puting that home workers are prone to exploitation. "Home workers do need protection it's a question of how best to deliver that," UK employers' representative Alan Wilde said. "Tighter regulation will just drive home working

underground."
While they are resisting the doption of an internationally binding convention, the employers say they have no objection to the ILO issuing ad-

centre on definitional issues but on the extra costs a con-Bill Brett, the TUC nomin

to the workers' group at the ILO assembly, said the protection given to home workers must be in line with that of regular employees. "In the developed world we expect to have decent conditions of work in terms of health and safety and benefits. This convention would give home workers those rights.

The draft convention lists a number of rights which would be extended to home workers. They include the right to form unions, protection against discrimination health and safety protection and statutory social security rights.
Today's vote is expected to

be close. There are three groups which can cast ballots the workers, the employers and the governments. With the workers' group in favour of a convention and the employers' group against the final decision will rest with governments, which are said to be split down the middle on

On the eve of the vote, workers' representatives said they needed to persuade more than 20 countries to join their camp if they are to be sure of victory. They say they expect

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#### News in brief

#### **Burmese regime suggests** dialogue with Suu Kvi

Bernment said yesterday | Shimbun quoted unidentified sources in Tokyo as saying that it was doing all it could to move towards dialogue with the pro-democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, but said the opposition should show some flexibility if talks were to take place

"Realising dialogue is needed for genuine reconcili-ation, cordial relations are being established for peace." said a commentary published in several newspapers.

However, the call for dia-logue coincided with a report in the Japanese press claim-ing that Ms Suu Kyi may be

that an arrest could take place by the end of this week. At least 35 Burmese pro-de mocracy politicians are still in jail following the govern-ment's crackdown last month, according to Amnesty International vesterday.

Since her release last July from six years of house ar-rest, Ms Suu Kyi has been calling on the military regime to agree to hold talks with her National League for Democlogue coincided with a report racy party and with ethnic in the Japanese press claiming that Ms Suu Kyl may be close to arrest. Malnichi country.—Reuter

#### **Ekeus flies** to Baghdad

THE United Nations disar-mament commissioner Rolf Ekeus left Bahrain for persuade Iraqi officials to open weapon sites to his

Mr Ekeus, chairman of the UN special commission, is mandated by the Security Council to seek immediate and unconditional access to all suspected fraqi weapons sites. Iraq must give up its weapons of mass destruction and means of chemical and biological warfare before the UN will lift the Gulf war

An inspection team left Iraq on Sunday after failing to gain access to Republican Guard sites in and around Baghdad. Iraq has accused the commission of deliberately choosing sites crucial to its national security and sovereignty, and says that is why it denied the team ac-

#### Californian boy gets 25-to-life

ABOY of 15 who commit-ted a murder at the age of 14 has become the youn gest person to receive a 25years-to-life sentence in California, writes Christopher Reed in Los Angeles.
Tony Edward Hicks wept

as he told with the judge in San Diego: "Til be a better person. I won't mess up. I want to hold my mom as tight as I can and beg her to take me out of jail." Before being taken away he was allowed to hug his Hannay.
Mr Clerides, in the midst of a flurry of diplomatic activity, is looking for common the first before mother. A probation report said he had been beaten by his parents and had run

away weeks before he fired

tol point blank at a 20-yearold pizza delivery man, the son of Kenyan immigrants.

who refused to hand over

a 9mm semi-automatic pis

his cash. He is the first adolescent sentenced under a law low-ering the age at which adult penalties for murder apply. the northern part of Cyprus an independent state in 1983 but has been unable to gain

#### ures for the number of home vice on the issue.

Cypriot leader wins British backing for move to restart peace talks with Turks

any world recognition. again in doubt after the collapse of the government of

land's hopes of joining the European Union have revived trated minds on the difficult question of whether a parti-President Glafcos Clerides tioned and heavily milita-rised island should join the saw John Major in Downing Street after flying in from Washington with a commit-ment from President Bill Clinton to send a new emis-

be broken have risen since the EU agreed to start mem bership negotiations with Cy-prus six months after the end of the inter-governmental conference currently reviewing the Maastricht treaty.

The timetable has conce

EU. Brussels had hoped that Turkey's controversial customs union agreement with the EU would have a similar effect. But UN-supported at-tempts to create a bi-zonal federation in Cyprus are riot extramists. effect. But UN-supported at-

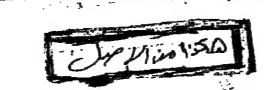
Tansu Ciller in Ankara. Against a background of rising tensions between Greece and Turkey, both members of Nato, the Turkish

Cypriots complained to the UN earlier this week about an alleged violation of their air. space by Greek air force jets on exercises connected with a Cyprus-Greece defence pact.
Turkey invaded and occupied the northern third of Cyprus in 1974, saying it was protecting the 18 per cent Turkish Cypriot minority



One has to admit that this noisy, thumping conflation of hardware and hard men on the whole does what is required of it. Derek Malcolm

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## Whirling Snowflake stirs a cultural storm

Andrew Higgins meets an ageing icon of Chinese beauty who has revived an old tradition in the literary press

nia, the Chinese li-terati have always relished a good row. The arcana of Confucianism, the prosody of Tang dynasty verse and the peculiarly occult dogmas of modern Maoism have all pro-

pelled feisty polemics.

But never before have the heirs to an intellectual tradition of sublime refinement and grace become agitated by a 48-year-old would-be beauty queen in orange hot pants and plastic high heels.

A leading chronicler of China's gulag has written a gushing tribute. Others, appalled by such low-brow passions. have responded with abuse and innuendo. Even the Com-munist Party has joined in, excoriating a debate which its propaganda department has judged "unhelpful to the construction of spiritual civilisation".

The woman exciting some of China's finest minds is Gong Xuehua (Snowflake Gong), otherwise known as Coco, a one-time Red Guard from Shanghai who shot to stardom last year when she took the stage with hundreds of women half her age to fin-ish fourth in the Miss Asia

Pageant in Hong Kong. Her achievements since then include a colour spread in a Chinese-language edition of Penthouse, assorted roles in Hong Kong soap operas, and a just completed autobiography entitled, with characteristic immodesty, Overnight Sensation.

Her life, she says, offers more thrills than Gone with Fiction, rather than fact, is

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Gifted scholar, beautiful woman

eyebrows even in Hong Kong, a city of self-made immigrants which usually regards

"People are interested in me because I have certain mystery," she told the Guardian; her lips smeared in cherry red lipstick, her face masked by a thick layer of ka-

her marital status, two children she says belong to some-one else, and her date of birth. 'I can't tell you my birthday the right to reinvent oneself because Chinese can tell for-as the most basic of human tunes. If they know exactly when you were born they can

when you were born they can
work out your destiny and
publish it in the papers."

Ms Gong's calebrity used to
be confined to glossy Hong
Kong magazines dedicated to
steamy gossip about sultry
starlets, Canto-pop crooners
and billionaire backelors her forte. A self-promoter of buki white "I can't tell every epic energy, she has changed one my secrets."

Starlets, Canto-pop crooners and billionaire bachelors. Today, her name and picture



crowd the columns of Guangzhou Literature and Art, the Shanghai Literary Journal and Hong Kong's highbrow Ming Pao Monthly.

The interest of China's chattering classes began with Zhang Xianliang, a writer of unimpeachable seriousness who spent 22 years in Mao Zedong's labour camps. His most recent books, Grass Somp and My Bodhi Tree, starvation during the Great Leap Forward, have been

Britain.

Zhang explained how he had met Ms Gong during a visit to Hong Kong and accepted her offer of a place to stay. He waxed lyrical about the "Snowflake Gong Phenome-non", and halled her as China's answer to Nancy Sinatra, who went even further by

hits the ground it turns to mud, but words can preserve such a snowflake, creating a specimen that can freeze her natural form on the page."

Ms Gong's refusal to bow to the coy conventions of her advancing years, he wrote, should serve as an inspirareminder that "it is not only the tender beauty of youth deep beauty of maturity that has greater appeal". into a simple four-character phrase: caizi jiaren — gifted scholar, beautiful woman.

experience is so much a part of Chinese literature that the story line of countless classic

Precedent, however, has done nothing to save Mr Zhang from a storm of scorn and complaints of squandered talent. "Should Zhang Xian-liang write like this?" asked the headline of a disapproving article in the Literary Journal.

An editorial in the same organ quoted China's greatest modern writer, Lu Xun, on the perils of "empty and in-sipid" themes. "It cannot be denied that a woman of over 40 competing in a Hong Kong beauty contest is news, a simple amusement to relieve boredom . . . but how sad for a pen that has created such

moving works in the past."
The journal quoted an unnamed intellectual as grumbling: "Yet another famous

figure has fallen for her." As long as intellectuals were squabbling among themselves in private or in obscure journals, the Commu-nist Party paid little attention. But this changed when the mass circulation Ram City Evening News, the most popular newspaper in Guangzhou, began to serialise Mr Zhang's paean of praise to Snowflake Gong.

Cultural commissars in the southern city's Communist Party propaganda department denounced the work as 'low-grade' and called a meeting to criticise the Evening News for reprinting it, according to sources in Hong Kong.

The party, famously disco-lute in private but rigidly prudish in public, prefers more conventional models of blushing femininity.

Appearing last week in the lobby of a Hong Kong shop-ping mall alongside three young starlets to launch a recruitment drive for this year's Miss Asia contest, Ms Gong revelled in the new wave of publicity. "Chinese scholars

tend to scorn each other. What they say reeks of 'I despise you, you despise me'. They don't understand me. They have no right to com-Mao himself became infatu-ated with a Shanghai starlet, his third wife Jiang Qing. The ment on me. They should shut

the tropical forests face threats from developers thousands of miles apart. In South America, Paul Brown writes, tribes have been wiped out by disease as settlers and loggers invade — with international connivance. In Malaysia, writes **Nicholas** Cumming-Bruce, campaigners now have the law on their side but may

have won only

a temporary

reprieve

## Brazil 'diverted' World Bank aid

ORE than £100 mil-lion from the World Bank provided to rectify its own environmental mistakes in Brazil has been diverted into damaging road-building and ranching projects, according to Oxfam.

The indictment of the

bank's Planafloro scheme in the Brazilian north-west frontier state of Rondonia comes on the eve of a meeting be-tween the bank and local authorities and non-governmen-tal organisations which were supposed to have a say in how the money was spent. Oxfam accuses the bank of allowing the state government to divert the funds.

Rondonia was opened up by World Bank funds in the 1970s and 1980s, when money was provided to build roads, and nousands of settlers moved in. Forests were cut down and whole tribes of Indians which previously had little contact with the outside world were wiped out by diseases brought in by the settlers. With the small farmers and prospec-tors came the havoc caused by logging companies.

In the run-up to the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, the bank was heavily criticised for helping the destruction of the rain forest and its peoples. In Rio it promised reforms, and the Planaflora project Yesterday the bank ex-

with the local government, it is a difficult thing to control in what amounts to a frontier what they say and try and make things better," a spokes-

Oxfam has spent four years monitoring the project and claims that at today's meeting the World Bank is preparing the way for a "graceful exit" Patricia Feeney, Oxfam UK's Brazilian expert, said: "The bank has falled to exercise proper financial control

was put forward as part of over the project. Community this process. port for environmental reserves have all suffered from not receiving earmarked funds, and are all at a virtual standstill."

Gobind Nankani, the World Bank director for the region, said in Washington that it had overestimated the ability of the local government to ad-minister the scheme properly.

review to restructure the whole thing and make it work. We are not going to abandon it; we are committed to rectifying the mistakes,"

## **'Secret' bullet factory** sparks fears in Kenya

of beauty are familiar in Chi-

with particular poignancy for

tens of millions of middle-

aged Chinese who, like Ms

Gong and Mr Zhang, lost their

youth to the madness of the

Cultural Revolution and

Nor is it unusual for an ear-

nest Chinese intellectual to fall for a glamorous celebrity.

ther political campaigns.

Belgians are joining the protests against a | as Burundi, Somalia and Sudan — all embroiled in costly armaments plant in President Moi's heartland, writes **Greg Barrow** in Nairobi

small town at the top of the Rift Valley, cannot believe their luck. Eldoret, once known only for its mushroom farming and world-class middle-distance athletes, has become Kenya's main benefi-ciary of government development money and industrial

The sleepy town of just over 100,000 residents already prides itself on having one of the best hospitals in Kenya, a university, a military barracks and a branch of the central bank. By December, Eldoret will also be home to Kenya's third international airport — and an armaments factory canable of productions. factory capable of producing 20 million bullets a year.

20 million bluers a year.
Why has Eldoret received
so much government aid?
Some Kenyans, say the
answer is simple. The town is
situated deep in the heart of Kalenjin country, the tribal homeland of Kanya's presi-dent, Daniel arap Moi

Debating societies in Moi University on the outskirts of Eldoret, have shied away from discussing the govern-ment's generosity to their home town. But in the Nai-

HE citizens of Eldoret, a | robi parliament the issue has ecome a hot topic. Opposition parties which balked at the international

airport are fuming about the rmaments factory. It is estimated to cost somewhere be ween £6 million and £170 million, but the government has shrouded it in a veil of se-crecy and refuses to discuss the financing arrangements.
Under normal circumstances, a cross-party defence committee should have exam-

ined the project, but it too has been kept in the dark.
Mr Moi says there is nothing sinister about the bullet factory, and claims it is a government project funded from the military budget. The subject has become raised conject has, however, raised con-cern in Belgium, home to the armaments manufacturer Fabrique Nationale Herstal, which is helping to build the

Eldoret factory and supplying much of the machinery.

Some Belgian MPs have questioned whether it is wise for a Belgian company to support the factory in a country with a questionable human rights record. They also point

to potential arms markets in

neighbouring countries such

The Belgian foreign minis-ter, Erik Derycke, said: "It is not in accordance with cur-rent African policy, which is aimed at preventative diplo-

The main opposition Ford-Kenya party has sent a pro-test letter to the Belgian gov-ernment, and is considering lobbying European Union member states over Belgian

Opposition parties in Kenya are also concerned about the role the factory will play in domestic politics. Although there is little threat of Mr Moi's governing Kanu party losing elections due before the end of 1997, some politicians suggest that Eldoret, with its bullet factory, mili-tary barracks and airport, would provide a defensive en-clave for the government in

"Given the history of the last elections in 1992, when there were land clashes and tribal flare-ups in the Rift Valley, we're very worried that there is a preparation for something," says Mr Otieno Kopeyo of the Ford-Kenya party. "Weapons manufac-tured at this new factory could be used against civilians, and that is the most

## Court rules against Mahathir dam

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Sarawak, a per project of
the prime minister,
Mahathir Mohamad,
breaks environmental law.
In a rare victory for Malaysia's environmental
lobby, Judge James Foong
said three plaintiffs, members of the tribes whose
land will be flooded by the
Bakun dam's reservoir, had a right to see environmental impact assessments of area the size of Singapore, the project and to have

ALAYSIA'S high their views on it heard. 9,000 members of 15 forest court delivered an embarrassing rebuff had short-circuited this. The immediate effect of process by transferring the project to the jurisdiction vironmental rules are more relaxed and the state government, a major share-holder in the venture, sees no merit in public debate. The 650ft high dam, which will cost about

biggest in Asia, has been dogged by controversy over plans to flood 270 square miles of tropical forest, an

the court decision should be to halt the Korean subcontractors who are already clearing forest round the site of the dam and diversion tunnels on the Rajang River, according to the plaintiffs' lawyer,

Thevalan Muniandy. The government should now convene a review panel to examine the envihe says, a process that might take months. It should also submit the reports to public scrutiny

It remains far from clear, however, how long the rulstaked so much prestige. Lawyers for Ekran, the

nain Malaysian contractor, said they would appeal, but observers in Kuala Lumpur suggest the gov-ernment may find quicker ways around it, particu-larly because of the damage a long delay would inflict on Malaysia's credibility with foreign investors.



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### The beef war must end

A deal could be done to satisfy Blair and Major

high noon comes several times a day, compromise is always far more common than outright conflict. Wise observers therefore rightly apply a healthy discount to warlike pre-Euro Summit posturing. Even — or perhaps especially — this time. No one can say for certain that two days in Florence and pretent that the campaign against the beef export ban was not intended seriously. So John Major will handling of the beef crisis, let alone define the future of Britain's relationship with the European Union. But Labour (and the hardcore Tory Eurosship with the European Union. But there can be no doubt that the meeting it as a sell-out. Nevertheless, the which begins in Tuscany tomorrow will national interest demands such a deal be one of the pivotal Euro-gatherings of

Something has happened to all the huffing and the puffing of the past few weeks. Perhaps footballing success has made Europe seem fun once again. But, whatever the reason, the emphasis is all of a sudden on jaw-jaw not war-war. The striking feature of yesterday's pre-Florence positioning was the evident desire both here and in the rest of Europe that a deal should actually be struck this weekend. That mood is particularly worth recording, because it is in such marked contrast to the diplomatic and backbench sabre-rattling of late May. Even a week ago, it was very different and the speculation apocalyptic. At that time, the suggestion that a further 67,000 older cattle should be slaughtered at the stroke of a pen in order to save Helmut Kohl's belligerent British mood which so alarmed other Europeans when it burst out a month ago seems, thankfully, to be ebbing. When that bit of the deal emerged yesterday it seemed to pass surprisingly tamely into the public service needs to be resumed.

BRITISH agonising over Europe is arena European politicians are natural crowded with the ghosts of decisive dealmakers and as Florence nears, the battles that never quite took place. In force of Britain's national interest in this often frenzied business, in which leurope has simply overwhelmed the high noon comes several times a day, rejectionist fantasies which were ignited when the non-cooperation strat-

egy was unveiled a month ago.

This is not to say that a compromise over beef is inevitable this weekend. Britain cannot simply walk away from Florence and pretend that the campaign and the broader European reality is the 1990s, especially from a British better expressed by the pragmatic perspective. Tony Blair have made this week than by tabloid little-Englandism.

The two party leaders approach the European issue from contrasting cultures, and generalised idealism is always easier in opposition than in gov-ernment, but the overlap between their respective addresses in London and Bonn is very striking. Both see Europe in a changed post-Cold War context, emphasising the increasingly Asian-dominated global context of Europe's future agenda. Both are cautious about the devilish but profound complexities of the Maastricht project. Both are participants rather than boycotters. And both recognise (though with varying degrees of pleasure) the inevitability of European institutional reform in pursuit of the wider post-communist honour would have provoked tabloid European framework in which Britain outrage and Eurosceptic wrath. Yet the must inevitably be involved. The easy simplicities of outright federalism, or of equally outright rejectionism, are not on offer in the real world. Nor is a continuation of the beef war. A deal must be struck in Florence. Normal



There is a solution to the Bakun dam: build smaller ones

THE BIG DAMMERS have suffered a limits their life — in this case perhaps rare setback in Malaysia where the to no more than 50 years — and there is massive Bakun project, vehemently also a risk of seismic shock. The effects backed by Prime Minister Mahathir of high-volume discharge downstream Mohamed, has been blocked in the high court. The government had sought to bypass environmental regulations by transferring the project from federal jurisdiction to the state of Sarawak, where the chief minister is another ardent supporter. Now the Malaysian high court has found in favour of three tribal residents whose views were not heard, ruling that Sarawak's environmental assessment should not have been kept secret.

The Bakun project will stem the Rajang river in Sarawak with a 200-metre high dam, generating 2,400 megawatts of power of which more than half will be transmitted via undersea cables to peninsular Malaysia. It will flood an Mr Mahathir said that it was "congeniarea the size of Singapore, force several thousand tribal residents to be relo- own view on the truth of this matter cated, and destroy a significant area of has been subject to revision. The prorainforest. It raises familiar issues ject was shelved for a while in 1990: Mr which have surrounded a series of big | Mahathir said that this was "proof that dam projects from Aswan onwards: the Malaysia cared about the environdifference between then and now is that | ment." Now he appears to care more we know much more about what can go | about grandiose claims to turn Malayamiss. Its promoters ask what can possibly be wrong with promoting "clean' power generation and lessening reliance on fossil fuels. (That was the argument too for the Pergau dam, several times smaller than Bakun but also vulnerable on environmental grounds). Experience shows that big dams are appeal but they may also have monparticularly prone to siltation which strous results.

can be devastating. There is likely to be a significant power loss over long transmission lines — those proposed here would be the longest in the world.

Harder to measure is the damage to untouched habitat and the quality of life of indigenous people whose voices would remain unheard if their cause had not been adopted by campaigning bodies such as Friends of the Earth. The plan is to resettle them into plantations where they will shift from subsistence farming to grow cash crops. Yet they are the people who have not been consulted and who do not wish to go.

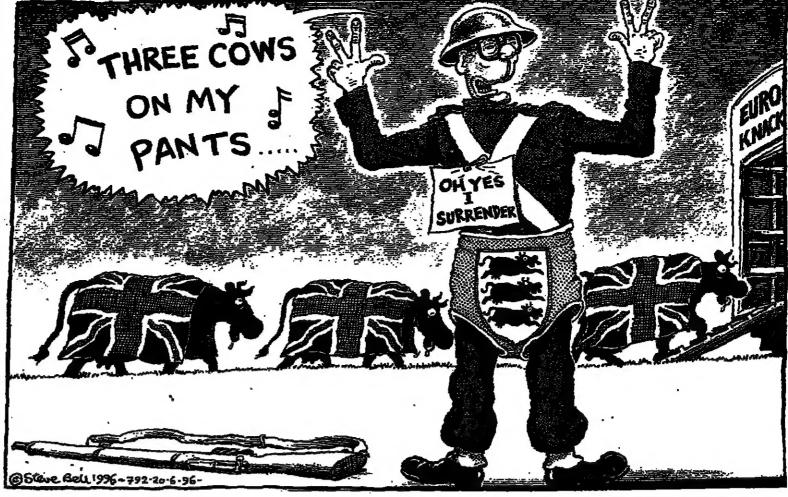
When the BBC criticised the Bakun dam project in a documentary last year, tally incapable of telling the truth." His sia into South-east Asia's industrial powerhouse by the year 2020. There is a solution - and it was contemplated officially in 1990. That is to build a number of smaller dams in a stepped system which will be safer and cheaper. Monster dams have more political sex

#### **English football flying high**

Don't bother to analyse: sit back and enjoy it while it lasts

shared experience in recent memory. England's unexpectedly artistic 4-1 win over Holland - a week after the last 'England aces back on booze" headline - confounded everyone and ushered in a period of national uplift which will last ... at least until Saturday when England play Spain. There's the rub. England are defiantly on a roll — but a roll can easily descend into a roller coaster. In recent weeks the England team has savoured the highs (wins in friendly games) then the lows (Hong Kong nightclubs and drunken scenes on an aircraft for which no one admits responsibility). Now that they are passing the ball again instead of the buck, the nation rejoices and the tabloids whose loyalty often makes 90 minutes with superlatives. They are right.

LET THERE be no doubt. It has ex- sensing a metaphor for an overnight ploded into the largest, most contagious | revival of the fortunes of the Conservatives - was quick to send congratulations to Terry Venables, England's coach. Curiously, he didn't send a similar message to Scotland after their plucky 1-0 win over Switzerland. Maybe at a time of nationalistic bonding he momentarily forgot that he is also prime minister of Scotland. Let it be. This is no time for carping, but for unashamedly enjoying a moment of uncomplicated fun. Just why a game played by 11 men, dispatched via a cathode ray tube can produce such joyous uplift and touch parts of the psyche that no politician could ever reach, is a puzzle. Even the most ardent pro-European couldn't imagine an all-Europe football team attracting such loyalty. But let's not get philosophical. seem a long time - are again salivating It's only a game: let's just admit that England made fools of us all and sit So is John Major who — no doubt back and enjoy it for as long as it lasts.



Letters to the Editor

## Firing back at the IRA

land, not Irish people, and not any people. They would claim to be socialists, yet they bombed a city which has been devastated by recession, whose ordinary people are struggling to get up off their kness.

knees. Like most Irish people, I know my history. I regard Ire-land as my violated and wounded mother, who has experienced hundreds of years of oppression and the kind of vastation which is an inevitable part of colonisation. Living in England, I experi-

nce prejudice and discrimination, which permeate every facet of my life. Nevertheless, I feel closer to working people in this country — of whatever race, nationality, or ethnicity — than I do to a bunch of people of the same nationality as myself, who are locked into some awful macho code of practice, and who are suffi-ciently disconnected from other human beings to plant a bomb which is likely to kill or

during an IRA campaign damages in the courts of the brings an almost unendurable UK. Eire and Europe, and anguish. We feel grief for bomb victims and grief for the fact that Irish people will experience backlash. Our grief is rejected, our empathy is seen Nottingham NG9.

ET'S GET it straight as fraudulent our sympathies about the IRA. They replace are suspected to be "with the boys". We are described as "Irish bastards". Yet, due to economic and historical factors, we cannot even live in the country which the IRA would claim to love so much and to be fighting to re-unite. Orlagh O Shea. London N11.

> HE suggestion of your leader (Violence beyond belief, June 17) that Bil Clin ton and the people who voted for Sinn Fein have been let down by Gerry Adams is ab-surd. The people who put their necks on the line for peace have been Adams, Martin McGuinness and the Sinn Fein leadership, and it is they who have been let down and left with nowhere to go. Paul Donovan.

AY I suggest a new, non-violent and democratic way to approach the continu-ing IRA/Sinn Fein issue? Would it not be possible for those who have suffered from their actions to sue the organi-Being Irish in this country sations and their leaders for those that pay for them in the

CONSIDERING that most of the Manchester injuries were caused by flying glass, could shops not fit a de-vice on windows to prevent glass flying out in the event of an explosion? Devices of this type were fitted during the second world war and were effective in preventing serious injury during air raids. William Benton. Alleroff Road,

Birmingham 11.

ET'S have a referendum of the whole of Ireland, asking "Do you want a United Ireland?", the result being bind-ing for ever. If the vote is for union, any inhabitant of Northern Ireland not wishing to stay should be resettled in mainland Britain. If the vote is against union, however, it must surely silence IRA/Sinn Michael Evered. Broadwalk, London SE3.

NOUGH is surely enough. Let's accept a noble de-feat. It's happened before from the Normandy invasion and Dunkirk to Suez and lots more. Those who must could es in the courts of the I hang their heads in shame The rest of us could go shopping at the weekend without risking death.

Ken Agar. Shepherd's Lane, Colaton Raisigh, Devon EX10.

Life's a risk

E expect critical cover-

omitted from the pathfinder

prospectus. June 18) are part

of an exhaustive process which ensures that all such

issues are indeed covered, as you would expect in a busi-

ness which, quite unequivo-

cancers. Indeed, the nuclear-

generating industry has average cancer rates 16 per cent

lower than the UK norms (the "healthy worker syndrome").

RECENTLY heard a story

from a farmer. He told me that if his colleagues want to

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N the Philip Morris ad you

rapeseed oil was not con-cerned with food consump-

tion but with risks, at least among the Chinese, in inhal-

ing cooking fumes, possibly in poorly-ventilated locations.

hydrogenated fats, which are

present in only some biscuits. Herbert H Blumberg.

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#### Pluses and minuses on the European balance sheet

Tories who dare consider the possibility of a UK exit from the EU (Castaway UK, June 18). But such a move, if it is caused by political concerns about an over-growing cen-tralism in Brussels, might trigger a snowball develop-ment among other former EFTA-states. Sympathy among them for the EU has always been due more to the porting industries than through love for the superstate ambitions of Brussels Eurocrats and some continen-

tal politicians.

A recent poll in Sweden of 9,400 people showed that 60.4 per cent would today vote against Swedish membership of the EU and only 16.2 per cent in favour. One reason is the plan for a single currency. another the tendencies to bring about a fusion of the EU and the WEU, a third the Swedish Parliament recently velop "as an association of independent states".

are afraid to be labelled as Eurosceptics? A possible UK exit in order to save some democratic sovereignty will certainly be followed not only by Sweden but probably by the nuclear industry and British Energy's privatisation. the rest of Scandinavia and perhaps some other newcomstop the enlargement to the cent of our export East and force Europe to find Robert Watson.

16 Riddy Lane.

16 Riddy Lane. The documents you report on (Vital safety information a way of co-operating that is 16 Riddy Lane, not dictated by outdated Luton, Beds LU3 2AG.

OHN GRAY makes a furi- French and German politi-lous attack upon those clans with superpower Per Gahrton MEP. (Greens, Sweden.) European Parliament, Strasbourg, France.

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OHN GRAY misses one crucial point. Fighting within the Conservative Party over Europe is already damaging our business links with Europe. British business has to cope with a perception in Europe of a question mark over our commitment to the EU. A recent survey by the Institute of Managers found that 63 per cent of British managers believe that Conservative disagreements over Europe are harming our eco-nomic interest within the EU. David-John Collins. The Butchers, Station Road, Groombridge, Kent TN3 9QX.

PATRICK Minford's balance sheet (Stay in Europe — for now, June 14) on Britain's membership of the EU seems in heavy deficit on the "for mambership" side. He and the WEU, a third the efforts by some to turn international police co-operation into a supernational EU-FBI — all highly political issues, which would change the peoples' ability to manage their own affairs. Even the and safety, large amounts of investment into very pro-EU majority of the inward investment into poorer regions of Britain; enforcement of common rules (eg Italy has been forced to ependent states". repeal laws prohibiting the Are we supposed to let sale of Jaguar cars); 210 Eurothings go on just because we pean Information Centres, supporting small firms; lever-age in WTO negotiations which has led to a beneficial Gatt deal estimated to be worth £500 for every UK family; crucially, large numbers of British jobs provided by our membership of the EU, to which we supply over 50 per cent of our exports.

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#### It may be them, it isn't us

cally, has safety as its top pri-ority. What neither we nor YOUR report (Lottery to poor to the rich, undermines give aid agencies £35 mil.) savings and trivialises the your readers expect is for the Guardian itself to manufaclion, June 17) suggests that ture an issue where none ex-Christian Aid is one of the ists. You state that a quarter of Nuclear Electric's present charities eager to apply for Lottery funds. In fact, we have and former workforce are exsaid quite firmly that we won't take money from the pected to die from cancer. But this is exactly in line with expectations: one in four people in the UK will unfortunately die from naturally occurring

Lottery.
In doing so, we reflect the wishes of most of the churches in the UK. In general, their views coincide with those of views coincide with those or Professor Tim Congdon, one of the Treasury's own inde-pendent advisers, who said recently that the national gamble, described as "a bit of fam" by the Havisan Semeters. fun" by the Heritage Seretary, "constitutes disguised taxation, redistributes from the PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT.

savings and trivialises the state". I am all for Lottery funds being devoted to over-seas aid. Seven per cent is a rather modest proportion given that overseas-aid agencies attract 15 per cent of the money given to charity by the public. A doubling of the 225 million pot would not be inappropriate if the self-styled "people's lottery" is to reflect where the sympathies of the people lie. But Christian Aid will not be joining the queue for a pay-out. Michael H Taylor.

#### **A Country Diary** \*

get rid of a cow, they pour a couple of bottles of whisky SPEY BAY: The osprey the Government in the last down its throat. Later, when moved slowly across the entrance to the River Spey and half hovered over the sea, looking down for fish and causing slight panic amongst the poor creature is swaying about, they call in the vet, who certifles that it has BSE. It is then taken away to be destroyed. The farmer then receives full compensation. the waders and gulls. At one stage it seemed as though it had seen a fish, as the bird dropped for about 20 feet, but then it seemed to change its mind and moved back into the astiguity and settlem; the estuary and continued fishing. Suddenly, it dropped and struck the water with an audible splash and then. are carrying, some of the entries dealing with voluntary risks, although interesting in principle, are a little misleading. For example, the study showing a risk from wings beating the water, it became airborne with a fish in its talons, although it was quite small. The bird was mobbed by a herring guil as it rose higher and higher, but the gull was ignored as the osprey moved purposefully to the south-east, presumably to waiting chicks in the nest. On And the study supposedly showing a cardiac risk in reg-ularly eating biscuits actually dealt with the risk of eating the far side of the river was a group of about 50 goosanders, including adult males, and through the telescope I could

few years have issued li-cences to fisheries boards to kill hundreds of these birds annually. This is based on the belief that they have a serious adverse effect on fishing in-terests, despite the fact that even the Government's own research has not proven this. The telescope also revealed a flock of about 40 eiders and,

here again. I thought of the licences issued in the last two pears to shoot some of these birds, as they were taking mussels from a farm an the west coast of the Highlands. As I watched, there was a regular movement of terns passing the headland on which I stood. Some were the relatively-large, sandwich terns, others the much terns, others the much smaller, little terns and others flew close enough for me to identify both Arctic and common terns. Well might they be called sea swalsee the pink tinge to their white body feathers. Whenever I see these sawbills it makes me sad to think that lows as they did look like



#### Further scenes from village life

Tork the past 36 years, Unitarians have been providing holidays at the village of Great Hucklow, in the Derbyshire Peak District, for needy and handicapped children who would otherwise not have who would otherwise not have a holiday. May I assure the residents of Turville (Letters, June 19) that there is no prob-lem with the children as long as they have good helpers.

I do congratulate Mr Paxman on getting a grant from
the Lottery. My fund sends
about 200 children for a holiday each year. For the second
time, the Lottery has refused
to give me a grant to add two further groups to the existing 12 Windermere Court, number. This would require East Drive, Brighton BN2 2BU.

Ewell, Epsom KT19 0AQ.

TURVILLE, or Dibley, has endured far worse threats than that posed by a dozen East End children. In 1942, as Bramley End in the film Went The Day Well, it was visited by German paratroops. Before their occupation ended they had bayoneted the post-mistress and shot the vicar. Nigel Linford.

eral-election-safe, and thus in the gift of local party bosses. the only hard part is getting nominated (witness worried Tories chicken running). A 30 per cent rise would mean 30 per cent rise would mean 30 per cent dearer line-toeing all round, a 30 per cent higher opportunity cost of stepping out of line and a 30 per cent increase in patronage charges. Short of radical reform them? little summy. reform, there's little supply-side tinkering that's going to have any improving effect on the quality of the legislature. A good start would be fixedterm parliaments and realis-tic limits on MPs' timeserving.

John Smith.

22 Garden Walk, Beighton, Sheffield S19 6GA.

Not a lot of MP for your money A"PROFESSIONAL" legis-lature for a knock-down 30 per cent pay rise (Commen-more they wouldn't have A lature for a knock-down 30 per cent pay rise (Commentary, June 18)? In your dreams, Hugo Young.

Being an MP is far better length of the poll tax. Is he arguing that if MPs were better paid they would be a better calibre of professional MP, more able to imagine the efforce. ing (probably bettered only by being on the board of a privatised monopoly). And since the majority of seats are genular to the policy of the the low paid, unemployed and other millions struggling to make ends meet, and legislate

accordingly? Ted Watson. 289 Ditchling Road. Brighton BN1 6JH.

There is a national 24-hour postal strike from midnight tonight. But we are confident that our ogy, and ingenuity, to micate with us as usual. To avoid delays, (0171 837 4530), or the letters-page e-mail address, which is: letters@guardian.co.uk

Matthew Norman

N celebration of the crusing of the Dutch, the Dibry is pleased to pass on the tale currently doing therounds both in Hong Kong and London about Cathay Pacific flight CX251 (the one for which the daring boys took "collective tesponsibilty"). Some of the England footballershad had a few. it ballershad had a few, it eems, when a stewar miscontrued their cheeky banter and took offence. A colleagie went to a lower deck toask a senior Cathay executive to calm the situation. Aid as he made his way upthe stairs, the sight that me him was that of Dennisylse, the tiny Chel-sea midlelder, falling from an oversead luggage rack. This decent broke the TV screen.Mr Wise's teammates, i appears, had kept his glas well charged, and when h duly fell asleep, stuffedhim in the locker. On waking he panicked and thrashd his way free, breaking the screen in falling, wille Mr Paul Gascoigneslept the sleep of the innocut. That's the story. As to thether it is fact or apocrphal — what you mightall an airborne myth — we nay never know.

N reparation for Saturda's match with Spain, manwhile, we have scoued literature for inspiratio. The special Euro 96 Bookof the Week is Biggles in Spin, by Captain WE John (republished by Red Fox)Flying ace Biggles and his pls, Algy and Ginger, are i a frightful jam. Caupt in the Civil War, they ave blundered into pro-ranco trenches, and in correred. He fears the wort, but - phew - the marturns out to be Fred Sunmers, from Plaistow. 'Giger smiled wanly. He feltveak with relief. 'I'm Giner Hebblethwaite. Wht's going on here?' " Frd replies in splendid fasion: "They say the spaghtti-wallahs are busting owline, so back we go." Wen Ginger shows confusio, Fred is an absolute br:k. "You stick to me," sas the generous-hearted cokney confidently. "Til sbw yer round." So, teamwrk and pluck. . . these are th qualities that will see off th Spanish. Should Englad win, and if other reults go to form, next wek's text will be Biggles Dfles The Swastika.

JUDGE in Visalia, California, has passe sentence upon a man onvicted of stealing two sx-packs of beer. Rather ian send him down for four ears, the judge has ordered Im to wear a t-shirt every ay for one year. "I'm on tlony probation," reads the sage on the t-shirt. "I

Y way of a thrilling Y way of a thrilling departure from its usual fixation with tignity, the Times is giving tself away. A leaflet stuffed into the paper has vouchers for various free copies. The selling point is football, and on the front — beside a tasteful picture of a syringe - are the words "The ulti-mate fix for football junkies". Inside, the blurb begins on a note of heartstopping originality. "Bill Shankley once said: 'Football isn't a matter of life and death, it's more important than that." it reveals. "On the Times, we take football seriously." One day they may even take it so seri-ously that they spell Mr

PELLING problems also afflict a prestigious EU body called "The Executive Committee of the International European Movement" which is holding discussions on the beef crisis. No doubt the Movement is excellent at titles, but if it has one small weakness it lies in spelling the name of the man in charge. The briefing document refers throughout to its leader — a former French president — as Gestured Dusting. Valerie Ges-tured Dusting to you.

COURT in Hong Kong has convicted Sham Kyok-keung, a for-mer policeman, of "unlawful sex acts by false pretences". Mr Kwok-keung enjoyed critus with a 41year-old voman after pos ing as a dector to convince her that having sex with him was the only possible way to prevent other doctors from chopping off her husband's penis.



## Visionary versus the desiccated calculator

Commentary Hugo Young

HE two persons of said quite right too.
Tony Blair — the visionary and the calculator — have never been on such open view as they now are over Europe. The visionary makes a than the Labour Party," he speech of impeccable sanity, told his audience in Bonn. I lefining with courage and coherence a position unrecog-nisable in the tortured ambiguities of the present regime. But over beef, the calculator strikes a tactical posture which implies a condition of something like terror at addressing those selfsame ambiguities with the con-tempt that they deserve. As Florence beckons, we will see if the visionary is about to get buried by the alter ego. It is a test the leader surely can't afford to fail. So far, a case can just about

be made for Mr Blair's tactics. For a time, the ascendancy of the politician over the geo-strategist is some-thing most British pro-Eurothing most British pro-Europeans and all continental politicians will understand. He
criticises the Government in
general, but not always in the stand in patriotism which, it

thing most British pro-Europeans and all continental politicians will understand. He
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papers, perhaps desiring to
see Mr Blair as a man in
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he thinks the absence of a
fixed timetable fatally flaws

from day one, but not precisely on days 20 or 30 or 40 when, he suggests, the Gov-ernment may have been acting for higher purposes which all good Brits should rally round. When the Goveroment says it's interested only in the science, which it so dubiously claims is on its side, Labour has dutifully

make some extravagant statements. "No one has been more critical of our Government's handling of this crisis can think of six newspapers, a dozen columnists, one political party and scores of Tory MPs of different persuasions constrained than those of a palpably agonised Labour leadership. As he also told the Germans, moreover, the national interest is at stake over the beef ban, and "we will not undermine that national interest". One could hope for better

from an Opposition. There are other national interests: for example, in not exposing one's country to the charge of being knavish and/or ridiculous, which is how the noncooperation tactic has de-

particular. He attacks the fears, would have distracted handling of the beef scandal attention from beef to Blair if attention from beef to Blair if he had taken a different line Observing the squalid response of Michael Heseltine to the Bonn speech, which this one-time European characterised as sucking up to the Germans, one does become more aware that there's no gutter in which these Tory puppets, dancing to the tune of just four Euro-phobic newspaper editors, aren't happy to cover themselves with slime. So yes: the calculator must take care.

He risks, on the other hand, giving the impression that his vision is no more than words. These words were impressive. Once again, there's an admirable consistency between what Blair says now about Europe and what he has always said: that Europe is at the heart of Britain's future, and that this is an axiom he won't compro vanced election campaign. His Bonn speech touched the sensitive issues with clarity and commonsense. Labour will favour more majority voting sometimes, a constructive relationship at all times, and a single currency if the arguments in favour become overwhelmingly

Some Tories, and some

sions. Anyone who desires to restore some pride in country, and begin to wipe out the sheer embarrassment of being British in these months of dimbra in these continue as an effective, expanding agent of political and economic pol of being British in these months of diplomatic farce, will see a Labour victory. bringing cool reason to the Europe stance, as a minimum necessity.

But what does this mean now? The challenge is becoming acute. There's a decent possibility that Mr Major, in alliance with the Brussels Commission, will get a beef deal. He is surrendering some ground, over culling and exports, but a pragmatic sequence of actions and responses is on the table which, if the Germans are prepared to make concessions they

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regard as just as great, could be the start of a return to nor-mality. These were being denounced by the Tory ultras before they'd begun to come out. The ultras, as part of their longer game, would prefer no deal to almost any deal. They can't wait to wrap round Major's neck a list of failed negotiating points he never undertook to secure in the first place.
Will Labour join them?
Yesterday Robin Cook

ship will align itself with a Tory faction whose greatest desire is to see the policy of Is that really what Mr Blair, or Mr Cook, will be arguing for if Florence sets the sea on the imperfect deal which is the only one available?
In Goldsmith's Hall — O

perfect rendezvous! - the Prime Minister stood up to the forces of Jimmy. Yesterday was one of his better days. Compared with Blair in Bonn, he was pretty full of woe and torment over

The two men speak from different political worlds, the one free to say the glass is half-full, the other obliged to emphasise that it might be draining away. But the prob-lems Mr Major identifies are real enough, and will present themselves just as flercely to Prime Minister Blair. The size and shape of "Europe" aren't questions invented by Tory sceptics. With some ex-ceptions, Major would like a world in which he could address them in much the

same way as Blair.
Blair's greatest strength is that he starts from a position of perceived fraternity. The Bonn speech will be the definition of the starts from the starts f fining text. He shouldn't spoil that by playing any more politics. Non-cooperation has been a disastrous enterprise. Labour went along with it from the start. Now that there's a way of stopping it. Labour will lose short-term credit and long-term support if it decides, for the cheapest reasons, that Europe should seemed to say so. Like them, reasons, that Europe should he thinks the absence of a still stand hostage to Tory

nourish the conceit that Labour is as divided, and especially as obsessed with the sovereignty mirage, as they are. These are both delusions. Anyone who destree to the continue as an effective, expanding agent of political and economic political economic political and economic political and economic political economic p provoke crowds



George Monbiot

King Arthur Uther Pendragon was ar-rested at Stonehenge for tre-spassory assembly. He was caught on his way to the stones with 27 other people — seven more than you need to qualify for the Criminal Jus-tice Act's attention. In court. however, he was able to demonstrate that the group consisted of a few druids, a German TV crew, three legal observers and a couple of drunken Italians, staggering along the road. The "ass bly", in other words, was not an assembly at all.

The police made a long-established mistake. They established inistate. They confused a physical gathering with a psychological gathering. This year, as Euro 96 gets into full swing just as the protest season begins, an overhaul of the police's approach to crowd psychology and control has never been more urgent.

Gustave La Bon's The Crowd: A Study of the Popular Mind, published in 1895, is possibly the most influential work of psychology ever writ-ten. When people assemble in crowds, Le Bon opined, they descend to a primitive racial unconscious, losing their indi-viduality and becoming impulsive, irrational and sense-lessly violent.

Le Bon believed he had a mission to combat workingclass activism. Laced with po-litical blas and mystique, his work is so deeply flawed as to be worthless. Regrettably, per-haps because it neatly articulated the propertied classes fear of the mob, it laid the foundations for most crowd psychology up until the 1980s. Today, thanks to the work of researchers such as Dr University, psychologists have a better understanding of why crowds behave as they do. Reicher has shown that physical crowds consist of many different psychological crowds — on any march there might be furious class-war-riors and gentle pacifists

walking side by side.

Most importantly, Reicher considers what Le Bon delib-This will, one hopes, be a vay of avoiding a fifth elseton defeat, but it is no a second to the police on crowd behaviour. Contemporary second to the police of the poli confrontations of the 19th and 20th centuries were initiated not by the mob but by police or soldiers. As crowds are attacked, more and more of

crowd against them. they must subtly contain the vio-lent minority without alienat-ing the peaceful majority. It is hard to believe that the police are not aware of this fter all, they have more experience of demonstrations than anyone else. Yet, in the two biggest protests of the last seven years, they have done exactly the opposite. During the London poll-tax demonstration, police horses charged into crowds in which a violent minority was scattered among procedule trains to tered among people trying to go home. At the Criminal Jus-tice Bill march in October 1994, police blocked a proces-sion of tans of thousands of people in order to stop a single vehicle. As if to ensure that no one was uninvolved in the ensuing panic and confrontation, they decided to drive people out of Hyde Park. the one place where they could do no harm.

In both cases, the police compressed the crowd both physically and psychologi-cally. They forced peaceful demonstrators to make com-mon cause with violent protesters, turning minor skir-mishes into a full-scale battle. scale, have taken place over the last three years in Hackney, Wanstead, Islington, Oxford and Bradford. At Marsh Farm in Luton, riot police were sent in just as the demonstrators were calming down, with the result that a small disturbance became a furious three-day rampage.

Schologists' question around. Why do crowds of police behave in this way? Is it some atavistic reversion to a racial unconscious? Are they descending the evolutionary ladder towards the chimpanzee or the marmoset? It's clear that junior officers are often ill-prepared to understand and respond to a crowd. They are taught all the right manoeuvres, but not the means to discriminate between a largely hostile gathering and a largely peaceful one. Young police officers often panic when missiles fly. But there's no doubt too

that on some occasions the police want serious trouble and go out of their way to provoke it. You don't have to have to gain.

Whenever the police are involved in violent conflict, they are praised by both the papers and the Government. The bigger and more violent the con-frontation is, the greater the plaudits. The suspicion that the police sometimes exacermoral support is terrifying but not wholly implausible. not by the mob but by police or soldiers. As crowds are attacked, more and more of their members identify with those who are prepared to use thoritarianism were to arrive violence. The lesson is that if in Britain, this is how it the police are not to unite the would begin.

Somebody in the Labour Party has to speak what its leaders consider publicly unspeakable, argues Eric Hobsbawm, who hereby volunteers his services

## If the truth be told

strong.

WIDE gap now separates the politicians of the British Labour Party tuals of the left, whose general reaction to Tony Blair's campaign is to stuff their ears and grit their teeth as they hope for a Labour victory. The party, in turn, is slightly disquieted by their absence from the battlafield,

if only because people with, or studying for, non-MBA degrees, who might be ex-pected to be Labour voters, today form a substantial slice of the electorate. Still, it is targeting another electorate, the disappointed middle-class

basic disagreement about the party's political stance. Ex-cept for a few palaeolithic sectarian survivals, evervone agrees that the future of the European left lies in centreleft governments finding a viable mix of private and public interests. If anything, left inbilectuals are keener on an alliance, perhaps a coalition, with the Liberal Democrats which would demonstrate the permanent minority status of the Tories, for it was a minority even in the Thatcher era. A remarkable new work of

comparative historical analy-sis, which will soon establish itself as a classic, Donald Sas-soon's lucid and erudite One Hundred Years Of Socialism. demonstrates that this has always been the basis of the success of the effective par-ties of the left, whether social-democratic or (in a few cases such as France and Italy) communist. In practice they have served to regulate and socialise the wealth-creating and directionless economic dynamism of capital

ism. not to replace it.
Capitalism, in turn, can
exist only "if it is structured.
organised, shaped, justified, legitimised, and hence restrained by the interplay of different ideologies". In coex-istence with West European socialism (and some other anti-Hayekian ideologies) it became civilised for a while: less bierarchical than in the vidualist than in the US. Whether or not "the idea of socialism will weather the great chaos at the end of this millennium" we cannot yet know. But it seems clear that "the fate and probably the future of West European socialism cannot be separated from that of European

capitalism". What separates Labour's bly agree in private with Sassoon's book, if they found time to read it, is the sheer amount of self-censorship and non-truthtelling which is to say the electorally inconve nient, which is just a step away from refusing to think the electorally inconvenient, cannot be an adequate guide for taking charge of the destinies of a country.



Today the semi-detached but loyal intellectuals of the left are more keenly aware than official party spokesmen that people and politicians have parted company

tively, someone has to "make | lem facing labour is twofold. | the case for redistributive taxation to achieve public intellectuals from its political purpose and relieve the operators, who would proba-growth of poverty", as the growth of poverty", as the Lib-Dems do, and, with luck, if there is a coalition govern-ment after the next election, "at least one part will have won a mandate for higher

Someone has to say that "the unleashing of market forces as a solution to mass unemployment" is today "a monument to human folly" (Sassoon, page 456). Maximum growth, as David Mar-If only in the interests of quand reminds us, is not course, for poor people mithe party, Labour's intellectulary maximum wellbeing. When grating in search of jobs) als cannot so gag themselves. | the Emperor is naked, some-As Will Hutton says, plain- one has to say so. The prob-

First, it faces a genuine difficulty, insofar as the globalisation of the world economy has undermined the power of national governments, and especially of social-democratic governments, to en-sure their citizens' welfare. No doubt the current ecoimposed on any party be-lieved capable of winning a general election. But refusing management". taxation and a more activist nomic orthodoxy underesti-mates the potential of nation states, economic blocs and states, economic blocs and global institutions armed with current technology, jointly or singly to establish some control over the transnational economy. No doubt policies less committed to the global free market (except, of

would help.

stances the policies which worked so well in the golden mid-century decades of co-habitation between regulated capitalism and social democracy broke down and cannot be restored. In a lucid chapter on "neo-revisionism Sassoon shows how this has pushed all left parties from Finland in the north to D'Alema's Italian ex-communists in the south in the same direction as Tony Blair, with more or less reluctance. What is worse, he holds, probably correctly, that the European Union's essentially neoliberal Maastricht principle, which sees the fight against inflation as the primary task of government, has tied their hands even more tightly. Still, under present circum-

obvious and specific agenda. But the problem of finding new solutions is obfuscated by two decades and four elections that have knocked the intellectual stuffing and the political confidence out of most of the left. For the first time in memory a Labour election campaign is run not on the principle of offering the British people an alterna-tive to the Government — a disastrous and visibly bank-rupt regime, as it happens but behind the defensive ram-. parts of the slogan: "We are not what the Tories say we tion defeat, but it is no way to | show that most of the violent | secure both funding and

that the left must fall back on pragmatic policies. It has no

prepare a Labour govern-ment which must either fail the country or do things which its leaders dare not admit in public before the election. Someone has to talk about the publicly unspeak-able, otherwise we shall really talk ourselves into the belief that states must abdicate before the market, or that a country considerably richer than in 1970 cannot afford what it offered to its pensioners 25 years ago. problems we face without immediately thinking of tomor-row's polls. In short, in politi-cal situations which dare not

speak their name, there is a role for non-elected and disavowable, if troublesome, Labour intellectuals who can They may even have some-thing to contribute to politics as understood by the opera-tors. For another gap; per-haps measured by the uncer-tainties of public-opinion polls, today separates politi-cians and those for whom they claim to speak. Parties which confidently

look forward to victory in the next general election fail to make it (Spain, the Czech Republic, Israel). Parties resigned to defeat are pleas-antly surprised by the unex-pected strength of their sup-port (France)

port (France).

Today the semi-detached but loyal intellectuals of the left are more keenly aware than official party spokesmen that "people and politicians have parted company". Our "tense, mistrustful, anxiety-haunted society" (David Mar-quand) finds no adequate po-litical expression. That is why so many of us cannot get rid of the fear that, whatever polls and probability, we could just lose. The enormous negative rating of the Government is not matched by a corresponding positive en-thusiasm for the Opposition. The large space between mi-nus and plus contains the parts which at present none of the political brewers' beers

They may be the vital parts.

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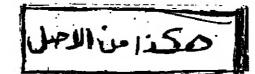
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Gesualdo Bufalino

## Citizen of everywhere

European writ-ers, Gesualdo Bu-falino, who has died after a car accident at the age of 75, was also among the least known outside his native Sicily. The perspective of contemporary Italian fiction embraced by most British readers is a narrow one, dominated by Italo Calvino and Umberto Eco. and the space allotted to Bufalino in a small handful of translated works is marginal

Among those who continue to scan this particular horizon for talents with rather more substance to them than those of clowns and mounte-banks, Bufalino's stature appears unassailable, that of a doggedly original novelist unique profile among writers in Italian became the sharper because of his reluctance to go touting for glamour and celebrity on the Italian literary scene. His raison d'être and con-

tinual point of reference as an artist was Sicily, in whose ancient traditions of the word, stretching back via Pirandello and Verga to medieval poets and Greek drama-tists, he firmly located himself throughout a life spent mostly in the small town of Comiso in the south

The son of a poor black-smith, he passed a happy childhood there, learning, as he later noted, how to be "a citizen of everywhere" with the aid of a tiny collection of iliustrated books, including a battered old atlas.

Alongside the profound in-fluence on the young Bufa-lino of the Sicilian light and landscape lay that of the for-eign authors, French in particular, he read as a literature student at the universities of Palermo and

Not until he was 30, how-ever, and established in his chosen profession as a teacher, did he begin to write, completing a first novel Diceria dell'Untore, which languished for more than 30 years before publication. Set in a military hospital and investigating the theme of mortality in a style of sonorous elegance, it placed him at once among the prose. It was later translated

as The Plague Sower. ing and distilling material of the Premio Strega, Italy's sinister, suggestiveness of from the past, doubtless be most coveted fiction award. his island landscape.

so inexorably across every aspect of life in the island. and Bufalino, who defined his native land as "a difficult place, a paradise disguised as hell, a hell disguised as para-Giuseppe Tommasi di Lam-pedusa had done in *The Leop-*ard to the ambiguous world of the Risorgimento for the inspiration of a subsequent novel, Le Menzogne della Notte (Night's Lies) published

Here he imagined the con-



Know thyself --- I'd have to be mad! God is better than he seems, creation doesn't do him justice...

Happiness exists, I've heard it mentioned

fore they face execution, of a group of dissidents involved in a conspiracy against the Bourbon government of King Ferdinand. Each of the quartet is recognisably located as a type within the period set-ting, whether as a soldier, a disaffected aristocrat, a student intellectual or a revolutionary poet, yet their dis-course and interaction transcend anything as limit-ing as the label "historical

Once again it was the vi-brant beauty of Bufalino's style, underpinning the characters' passionate engagetails of the existence they were about to leave behind, which won him critical ac-

the generally quiet tenor of his life as author and teacher. Other writings in translation gradually gained especially the novel Argo if cieco (Blind Argus) the im-plicit paradox of whose title embodies the work's inherent playfulness, and a collec-tion of stories, L'uomo invaso, translated as The Keeper of Ruins.
The latter offers an ideal

display, both of Bufalino's versatility as a writer and of the subtle tones within his prismatic vision of the Sicilan backgrounds which nourished him. There are affectionate par-

odies of medieval and Renaissance romance styles, clever stabs at urban realism, sly pastiches of Calvino's manner and sidelong glances at the world of the giallo, the detective story which forms the basis of many Italians' sole encounter with the fic-

Not for nothing in L'uomo invaso does Bufalino remind us of another great novelist of contemporary Sicily, Leonardo Sciascia, whose friend he was and from whom he quite clearly absorbed much in terms of craftsmanship and narrative technique. Both men deplored the stag-Italy's political culture as much as they lamented the loss of cultural identity by which rapid social and tech-nological change seemed to threaten the immemorial rhythms of Sicilian life.

"Half a century has been enough," wrote Bufalino in a rueful essay in the Guard-ian's Writing Home series in 1992, "to distort the image of a rural civilisation, to de-grade the dialect, to smear with the even gloss of modernity objects, ceremonies, clothes, customs and

Bufalino's work is not, to any selfconscious degree, a celebration of that Sicilianness he always needed to ac-knowledge within himself. An inheritance from this sturdiest of Italian literature's regional strains is transigent independence of viewpoint and method as a novelist, and in the simple fact that, notwithstanding bly also as a short story writer to Pirandello, he has no obvious beginnings except had any trouble with absorb- claim, this time in the form in the opulent, sometimes



If he emerges, within the compass of a small number of published works, as one of than he seems, creation likely's most accomplished doesn't do him justice."

The emerges, within the compass of a small number of reservations." "God is better of the Mafia. The Mafia, he wrote, "is not an invincible empire... and most Sicilians of the mast sicilians." writers, then it is worth recalling that he achieved that distinction by staying

where he was. He is survived by his wife

Patrick Creegh, prizewinning translator of Bufalino into English, adds: I mourn for Gesualdo Bufalino because as a writer and as a man there was simply nobody like him. Unbelievably learned and not a little quirky, he seemed to contain in himself almost every imaginable conflict and contradiction. A timid man but a fighter, a sad man but a funny one. But rather than attempting a descrip-tion, I will let him speak for himself in a number of aphorisms. "My incompetence at living approaches the sub-lime." This worful luxury of being Sicilian." "I am an in-transitive verb, don't expect

"Happiness exists, I've heard

Such quips as these scarcely plumb the depths of Bufalino but they may pro-vide some key to the charac-ter of this outstandingly orig-

ian Mayes adds: Four years ago, when I was commissioning the Guardian's Writing Home series in which authors from around the world were asked to address the question of their nationality - Kurt Vonnegut on the United States, William Tre-vor on Ireland, Ivan Klima on Czechoslovakia and so on - 1 canvassed friends in Italy for the author best able to repre-sent their country. They unanimously recommended Gesualdo Bufalino.

He wrote a wonderful piece, not really about Italian nationality at all but about hostages of one who raises his own Sicilian identity, the price of ransom every something quite different. He day." "Know thyself, says the philosopher. I'd have to be mad!" "I am alive, I don't and enduring, and in all

empire ... and most Sicilians aspire to rid themselves of it." He repeated this when I met him later in 1992 in Comiso, which he rarely left after the death of his dear friend, Leonardo Sciascia. He had a strong faith in the

value of the past, of memory, as a source of energy with which to face the future. With his own papers and manuscripts he had endowed an archive bearing his name. It occupied a building in the corner of a beautiful courtyard, and we strolled through the streets of Comiso in the was closed. The caretaker had locked up and gone to lunch. "Sicilia," said Bufalino with a smile.

His article for the Guardian in which he expressed such faith in his kinder. gentler Sicily appeared two days before Judge Giovanni Falcone was blown up on the me to be transitive." "We are | dictions, the pains and joys of | motorway near Palermo. Bufalino's work will resound for longer than the Mafia bombs.

Gesualdo Bufalino, novelist, born 1920; died June 14, 1996

smile. Perhaps he put all that

bottled-up energy into smil-ing through his music and

his lyrics, for he never wrote

Almost from the start of his career his work was

being accepted for West End

shows. Interwar stars like

Jack Hulbert, Bobby Howes,

Binnie Hale, Frances Day, plus, more importantly, whistling errand boys —

made his songs national hits, tinkling their way into song sheets, and on to records by

Jack Buchanan, Delysia, Maria Burke and John Mills.

There were hit reviews and

operettas with Sir Alan (AP) Herbert. The latter led writer

Nichols to hail Ellis "a young

genius ... a composer who ranks with Lehar and

Songs like This is my Lovely

Day, and I'm on a Seesaw did smile at life and gave their

captivated audiences a feeling that it was good to be

a piece about real sadness.

Sir Maitland Mackie

## Spurred on to achievements at Balmoral

Sir MAITLAND Mackle, who has died aged 84, was Lord Lieutenant of either gymnasiums or swimming pools, or both.

But perhaps his most significant manufactured by the same an unusual significant manufactured and continued to the same and continued to th farmer, he was an unusual choice for an office which normally goes to local aristocrats or to retired military men. Possessed of a broad prought fresh air to the arcane business of being the Queen's representative in north-east Scotland

Quite what the Queen and other members of the Royal family made of him is an interesting speculation. When he first met the Queen Mother, he explained that he was wearing his fancy uniform for the first time and was worried lest he tripped over his spurs or got entan gled with his sword.

HRH was solicitous, saying that if such a misfortune befell him he shouldn't worry about it too much: it had happened to her kinsman Lord Mountbatten only the previ-

ons week.

"Mike" — as he was universally called in his native county, to distinguish him from his father (also Maitland Mackie) did indeed lose his spurs on one occasion. So he asked the constabulary to foilow him around at such events and retrieve spurs "or anything else that fell off." A Lord Lieutenant's duties

are mainly ceremonial, but were unusually onerous for contained the Royals' Bal-moral Castle. His summer task was to greet them, and look after them during their stay. This involved him and his Texan wife Pauline in more annual Royal encoun-ters than most Lords Lieutenant experience in a lifetime.

He recorded a good few of them in a delightful volume of memoirs, a book with an authenticity which exactly reflects the optimism which was his main characteristic. He called it Lucky Chap hot sun of early afternoon to and he genuinely believed visit it. When we got there it himself lucky in spite of illnesses, frequent surgery and the early death of a beloved first wife, which left him with

six children to bring up. He had a full life. He was a highly efficient and success ful dairy farmer near Invermentary candidate, a member of the Aberdeenshire County Council from 1951 to 1975, and its convenor for eight years until it was subsumed in the new Grampian Region. His particular interest was educa-tion, supervising the building

icant monument, and certainly the one which Scots would thank him for erthusiastically, is the liberalisation of Scotland's licensing laws. local accent and an amiable He was a leading member of pride in his rustic roots, he the committee which recommended that the absurd 9.30 pm closing time, together with the bizarre rules about bona fide travellers and Sunday drinking, be replaced by all day opening. Julike England — where a commit-tee made similar recommen-dations which were no acted upon for a very long time the then Scottish Secretary. Gordon Campbell. eracted them almost at once.

> book that when the committee's report was formally delivered to Campbell, the minister told reporters that he wouldnow consult the appropriate people about what to do. Mackie burst out "Good3od, what do you think we've seen doing these past two years?" Campbell retracted.
>
> Mackie was also deep! in

volved in the activities o the North-East Scotland Deviopment Agency, and was an early dabbler in North Sea oil, as well as projects like cable television. But it was his interest in Charolais attle which brought him the added bonus of a new wifeHe met Pauline, a tough citle cent, during a visit to uy animals in Texas. They mde a remarkable pair, especially as there was some doubtat first about bow the twoof them could understand ech other - or how the Quan understood either.

Though his parents wee a minister in the Wilson ge-ernment, and the other isa Liberal Democrat peer, Mie sat as an independent on te county council. But le remained a Liberal to the en.

han Aitken

Sir Maitland Mackie, farme, born February 16, 1912; die

MACRIE. With much sedness, great love and happy memories the benilly structured to the death at home of Sir Mastand, on Jake 18th 18th, Pumeral service for family and irends at Denvio Parish Church on Friday 21st June 1955 at 2,00pm, Nemorial service at St. Macrier Cathedral on Friday 28th June 1956 at 1,00pm.

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Vivian Ellis

## Spread a little happiness



Vivien Ellis . . . 50 years of pop hits PHOTOGRAPH FRANK MARTIN

IVIAN ELLIS, who has died aged 91, com-bined a fluent talent for bitter-sweet melodies with a sharp business brain. The urbane composer of songs like Spread a Little Happiness and She's my Lovely dominated the popular music industry for 50 years.
His mother played the vio-lin, and an idyllic Edwardian childhood turned dark only

when his father collapsed at their Margate middle-class home and died. At prep school, "the unhappiest time of his life", he had little interest in other schoolboy activities. Once, there was a Zeppe-lin raid on Margate when the pupils were swimming. Everyone else rushed ashore. Ellis rationally stayed in the sea "for safety".

At eight, he wrote a musical

composition based on the sinking of the Titanic, replete with siren blasts and the crashing of waves. He went won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, but his mother had to turn it down because of shortage of funds. He was put to work in the family business in the City, which he detested, but escaped into the music busi-

ness by getting a job as a song plugger, reading up to 200 songs a week. He worked for Chappell's for 28 years. When, as a composer, he bargained with publishers on the other with publishers on the other side of the fence, there was nothing he did not know. His first musical, Mr Cin-ders, was put on with huge success in the West End when he was 24 There were to be 40

he was 24. There were to be 40 musicals in all, from Jack Hulbert and Cecily Court-neidge revues to Cochran shows, and the musicals written by AP Herbert, including Streamline, Big Ben, Bless the Bride, and The Water Gipsies. He wrote both music and lyrics for The Town Talks. Going Places, Hide and Seek, The Fleet's Lit Up, and others. He served throughout the war in the Royal Navai Voluntary Reserve, retiring with

His practical abilities were best known in the music in-dustry through his long association with the Performing Right Society. He was its director from 1955, served as vice-president under Sir as a person he was private.

Arthur Bliss, Master of the During all the years he was known to me I never once King's Musick, as president, and later assumed the presi-

dency. He also wrote humorous books (How to Enjoy Your Operation), books for children and two volumes of autobiography,

Some of his melodies have had a more lasting quality than many of the genre. Spread a Little Happiness was revived by Sting in 1982 for the film version of Dennis Potter's play, Brimstone and Treacle, in which Sting played the Devil, while a new production of Mr Cinders did well at the Fortune Theatre in 1983. His money stuck, too: he always claimed he had kept quite a lot of it.

He was unmarried and throughout his life he shared a home of contentment with his sister, Hermione. Since 1938 they had lived in a Somerset cottage where gardening was his great love. When he died he was working on three new songs for his 1954 musi-cal, Listen to the Wind.

Peter Cotes writes: Vivian Ellis's songs were public, but remmember seeing him alive, well and living in this funny old world. Which, of course, it so very rarely

Vivian Ellis, born October 29,

Birthday Prof William Balchin, geographer, 80; Sir Brian Barder

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#### Life Lessons

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response to you coming in

Wonderful laundry tech-

niques (formerly known as

don't.wash my silks). Parenting — no, it doesn't end with conception. Get a life — learn how to How not to act like an asshole

when you are obviously Spelling - even you can get it right. Understanding your finan-

cial incompetence. You — the weaker sex Reasons to give flowers. How to stay awake after sex. relieve yourself anywhere but the toilet.

Garbage - getting it to the kerb. Sex 118A — you can fall asleep without it if you really

iry. Sex 118B — the morning di-lemma — if it's awake, take a shower. The weekend and sport are

not synonymous.

How to put the toilet seat down. How to go shopping with your mate and not get lost. The remote control — overcoming your dependency. Helpful postural hints for couch potatoes.

How not to act younger than your children. nated driver. Honest, you don't look like Mel Gibson, especially when

treally works!
The attainable goal — omitting \$40 mitvocabulary. Fluffing the blankets after breaking wind is not

Real men ask for directions. Jan Nicholls, one of the female staff offering these courses at St. Mary's school, sent in the list of summers and averages list of summer and evening courses on offer again, to Jack-daw's nest. The school where she works is in Marylands,

#### No God

YOU ask me if my notions about En attendant Godot, extracts from which you are doing me the honour of broad-casting, at the Club d'Essai, and at the same time for my notions about dramatic art. I am not versed in it. I am not a theatre-goer. This is admissible. What is probably less so, under these conditions, is first | not much. But it is enough for of all to write a play, and then, having done so, not to have a ghost of a notion about it

Such is, unfortunately, my case. It is not given to every-one to be able to go from the realm that opens out under the page to that of profit and loss, then back again, unruffled, as one goes from the daily grind to idle pub talk. I know no more about this

play than anyone who man-ages to read it attentively. ages to read it attentively. I do not know in what spirit I wrote it. I know no more bout the characters than what they say, what they do, and what happens to them. About their looks, I must have indicated the little I have been able to catch a glimpse of. The bowler hats, for instance.

I do not know who Godot is I do not even know if he exists. And I do not know if they believe he does or doesn't, those two who are waiting for him. The two others who drop in towards the end of each of the two acts, that must be in order to break the monotony.

be aware of, I have shown. It is me, quite enough. I can even say that I would have fared better with less. As for wanting to find in all

of this a broader and loftier meaning to take home after the performance, together with the programme and the ice-cream stick, I cannot see the point in doing so. Yet it might be achieved — Paris 1952.

An extract from a letter by Samuel Beckett to Michael Polac, the director of the avanthave parts of the play, Waiting for Godot, read over the air. Beckett, who refused to be inter viewed about his work, wrote the letter as an introduction for the performance. A useful argument perhaps, for students who have to discuss the loftier meanings of the play in their exams. The New Yorker.

### Cold turkey

THE following morning, he was dragged off for a non-ran dom drugs test, then, a week later, appeared on adjudication where he threw himself on the mercy of the governor and admitted still using heroin (thus saving the prison. inter alia, the cost of the exspensive re-testing proce-dure). Yes, he still had a habit, but consumption had been cut by three quarters, and progress was slowly but surely being made.

When Darren, minus his 35 days remission was returned to the wing, the senior officer



was there to greet him. "We've 'ad enough of you run-nin' around the wing as 'igh as a kite. You've been on this course 12 weeks now. That's ong enough to be off the class

crack and heroin habit out-side. At Grendon Underwood (the only prison in the country to offer a fully inter-grated professionally super-vised therapeutic regime), they allow 12-18 months as the optimum period for any sig-nificant improvement

Darren had a £400-500 a day

through therapy.
"There've been complaints from other cons." the senior officer continued, "suppose you thought you was bein' clever pleadin' guilty? Well I've got a surprise for you. You're not getting away with it that easy. You're confined to your cell for 21 days. Let's see what a bit of cold turkey

does for you."
They escorted him to his cell and locked the door. Sens interdit, fluorescent orange 'gaffer' tape was stuck along the corridor six feet either side. The works department were called in to screw a

wooden block to the gap at the bottom of the door Out-side a great sheet of perspex was battened over his window. Without air, without exercise, without counsel or companionship, Darren sweated it out for a full three weeks. This morning like the colonel in The Bridge on the River Kwai, he was released, a little off balance, from his

White, gaunt, and startled by all the activity, he ate his cornflakes sitting on the bed

next to me.

"How are you doing?" I asked quietly. "Achir." He smiled. "I'll tell you somethin' though, Pete That's the last time I'll admi: to fuck-all again." tuck-an agam.
Peter Wayne, writing in Prospect, demonstrates why prison is a difficult place to give up

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## Finance Guardian

## Retail fall 'due to weather'

The C&G has agreed a £14m pay-out for home income plan victims. Teresa Hunter reports

spending last month as shop-

mer lines offered by clothing and footwear stores, the Government said yesterday.

The City — which had been expecting a rise in spending — warned that the first fall since January was a weather-induced freak, and that demand was much stronger

Elderly couple

from mortgage

FORMER post office worker Don Bryan, who

complaint, wanted only to

efford a month in the sun each winter when he

started a home income plan with the now-defunct Aylesbury Associates.

That dream disappeared when the £30,500 Mr Bryan

and his wife Jean (pictured) raised via a mortgage on their home at Bromley, Kent was invested in bonds

and unit trusts which were

constantly churned to generate commissions before collapsing altogether when

the stock market crashed.

Mr Bryan, aged 76, was one of 319 C&G borrowers

who were yesterday anx-

ious to hear details of the

compensation package and the implications for his

£28,000 mortgage, which he has no means of redeeming.

a confidentiality agreement with C&G, but has yet to

receive a formal offer from the lender. "I am very bit-ter. We will never get all

& Gloucester yesterday agreed to pay up to £14 mil-ilion for its role in the home

The C&G pledged a support

package worth £7.5 million for more than 300 home in-

income plan scandal.

INE leading building societies face multi-million pound claims from elderly home-owners after the Chelbenham

INE leading building scheme (ICS) compensation which has already paid £6.3 million to C&G.

Thousands of retired people

look for relief

nightmare

earlier this month.
They added that anecdotal

evidence for June suggested that clothing and footwear sales had been boosted by warmer weather and this was likely to be reflected next month. Data for March and April was also revised down, but the Treasury said that sales remained on "an up-

Analysts said news that retail sales volumes dropped by 0.1 per cent between April and May should not be seen as support for Chancellor weather put the brakes on spending last earlier this month.

Analysts said news that still out on the wisdom of the borrowing costs, and that the borrowing costs, and that the barks of England's caution may be vindicated over complete the brakes of the cut base rates to 5.75 per cent may meeting between Mr Clarke and the Bank's governor. nor, Eddie George, indicated that they were even then starting to form different

views on monetary policy. Although the meeting con cluded that rates should be left unchanged at 6 per cent. Mr Clarke said that it was "worth at least considering" the case for a reduction in borrowing costs.

kets, said that Mr Clarke be-came more convinced of the case for lower rates in the subsequent month but felt it unlikely that Mir George softened his opposition to a reduction. The minutes of the June meeting will not be released until the end of July. With a survey from the

Woolwich building society

showing that 70 per cent of estate agents are more optimis-

Ian Sheperdson, economist with RSBC, said that the strength of demand for house-

hold goods — up by 2 per cent over the latest quarter — reflected the recovery in the housing market.
"The weakness of the econ

omy is in industry, not on the high street", he said. Officials from the Office for National Statistics also cautioned against reading too much into one month's data.

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Semestrates and growth in the economist for NatWest Mar. sales has been running at around 2 per cent since the start of the year, with the strong performance of larger stores — with an annual turnover of at least £4.5 million — offsetting poor returns from the strong performance. smaller concerns. In the three months to April, the unadjusted value of sales for large shops rose by 8 per cant, while those for small shops fell by 1 per cent, the ONS said.

## After the end of the metal reign



Edited by Alex Brummer

change (LME) has been so disconcerted by the little alternative but to call in the Securities Investment Board (SIB) to review its trad-ing practices. At the other and of many of the long trades executed by Sumitomo copper dealer Yasuo Hamanaka were brokers and traders con-nected to the LME — which likes to describe itself as the world's largest non-ferrous

It is, of course, more than that. The indicative cash prices fixed on the LME set the trend for copper prices around the world.

Remarkably, this market bas no regulator but itself. In fact the SIB's main lever for its review — which it hopes to complete within six months - is through the over-the-counter (OTC) market, which is covered by the Financial

The SIB bas clearly parked its tanks on the LME's lawn in recognition of the fact that the LME needs to be seen to be a clean and fair market if it is to retain its leadership in the face of the Comex chal-

lenge from Chicago. Essentially, the SIB is looking at three issues: the opera-tion of the market, including the relationship between levels of transparancy; the stability of the copper market and any systemic risk it may pose to London as a financial centre, and the enforcement issues arising from Sumito-mo's \$2.5 billion loss.

. One silly aspect of all this activity is the rivalry it has Societies face multi-million pound claims in the hours following flammanakes 3 cover. In the hours following Sumitomo's disclosure of losses, sparked among regulators six days ago, the Securities Futures Authority, which has been engaged in a longrunning inquiry into the op-mations of British-based commodity dealers, — including Winchester — has put itself

forward as the authority which originated the ques-tions about Sumitomo. The US regulator, the Commod-ities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), has boosted to the Wall Street Journal that it was its spot checks on copper warehouses that alerted regulators.

clean, and now LME chief ex-to the cold weather in May, ecutive David King has which kept customers out of weighed in arguing it was his check of all trades on the LME - long, shorts, OTC

but none of these hot-shot regrised trades were allowed to getting it wrong.

and why warnings in 1991, 1993 and finally 1995 — not to mention a volatile copper market - failed to alert participants. Fortunately, the story should not now be that long in coming out. Sumitomo helpfully is to open all its books to regulators, and presumably Mr Hamanaka will have the opportunity to talk to the CTFC. SFA, SIB and anyone else who wants to be part of this operation. With the use of some police

skills, partly provided by the Serious Fraud Office, it may finally be possible to piece together events leading to the extraordinary roller coa on the copper markets, and to understand better the complex web of offshore compa-nies through which so much copper market dealing is con-ducted. It's about time: this whole performance would have been worthy of the Keystone cons.

Chunnel count

UROTUNNEL was put-ting a brave face on its decision to switch the Paris venue of next week's annual meeting to the Palais

des Congres.
"Taking into account the large number of people likely to attend the meeting and in order to welcome shareholders in the best possible conditions [Eurotumnel] has de-cided to change the location and time of the AGM." it said in a statement.

Of course interest in the meeting was always likely to be greater than usual because of the talks now underway between the banks and the company over debt restructuring. But that interest has been heightened by shareholder representative Ms Sophie L'Helias's campaign to unite small shareholders in an effort to give them greater in-fluence. Through this news-paper's European Business page, some 200 have given her their proxies to add to the many she has received from French shareholders.

It remains to be seen how holders will have, but even to a company with debts the size the cost of a larger venue to

#### Double-bluffing

IT WAS a case of safety in numbers for the City's teen-age scribblers when the latest retail sales numbers flashed up on the screen. Every analyst had been confi-

dently predicting a rise; in fact there was a small fall. But within seconds of being completely flummoxed, some of the brighter economists had found a solution. The disappointing numbers were due underlying rate of increase has been around 2 per cent for warrants and everything else the past five months, this is a not wholly convincing argument. It does show, however, that there are really only two types of analyst: those who

had never even touched a computer. But that did not

stop him joining the com-puter bureau. And yesterday,

the US-owned Seagate Tech-

nology Inc paid the Manches-

ter-born computer expert, now based in Ealing, west London, and his colleagues

\$84 million (254 million) for

Under the terms of the deal

Mr Taylor is tied into Holistic

for a number of years. But

unable to say for how long he

was obliged to remain with

the company or give precise details of his shareholding.

Holistic will retain a large

amount of its independence following the buy-out. But ac-cording to Mr Taylor, it will

benefit greatly from the back-

ing of a Fortune 500 company.

what they now know. He also benefited substan-

#### ERM mark 2 second-best pian, says Lamfalussy

Service Management

AREVAMPED European exchange rate mechanism would be unlikely to suffer the attacks from currency market speculators which vir-tually wrecked the original version, according to Alex-andre Lamfalussy, president of the European Monetary

But though an ERM mark 2 would be a useful mechanism for policy co-ordination within the European Union after 1999 - the date set for monetary union — it would be no more than a "second best" arrangement compared to full-scale Emu, he went on to tell a London conference

The EML precursor to the proposed European central hank, will play a key role in helping to devise a new-look ERM and Mr Lamfalussy said yesterday that he expected the EU summit in Dublin at the end of the year to finalise an agreement on its

construction.
According to Mr Lamfa-lussy, ERM 2 should retain wide margins around central rates - though "particular arrangements" within the overall framework should not be ruled out. "But I would not regard ERM 2 as more than a second-

best arrangement. The defini-

tive response to exchange

rate instability can only be

concluded.

union.

spat with US over Cuba Larry Elliott Economics Editor THE European Union and

Santer raises

stakes in trade

were left facing repossession after financial advisers en-

plans in the late 1980s.

last night poised for a new trade conflict after Brussels warned of retalization if European firms are hit by Washington's anti-Cuba

The European Commis-sion president, Jacques warning that failure to repeal parts of the controversial Helms-Burton act threatened to poison trans Atlantic relations.

Mr Santer told the US it was wrong "to attack your partners in order to reach your adversary". With the dispute set to

spili over into next week's summit of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations in Lyons, Mr Santer urged President Bill Clipton to use his executive powers to ensure that European companies were not penalised.

The four-part act, passed by Congress after the Cu-bans shot down an American civil jet earlier this year, seeks to discourage companies doing business with Cuba by hanning their executives, agents and families from visiting the US. Britain has given warn-ing that it may take tit-fortat measures against US businessmen if the law comes in unamended as planned on August 1.

property prices simulta-neously collapsed. The pen-sioners were left with interest sioners were left with interest accruing on debts they had no means of servicing.

The C&G deal will cancel all future interest on outstanding loans — but it will not wipe out the debts. Mortgages will have to be repaid

The advisers disappeared when the bonds crashed and

ticed them into buying the now banned home income The advisers then promised to boost their retirement income plan victims — although it deries any legal homes and investing in bonds liability to help them. It will which would repay the mortwhen the borrower moves or dies. Former borrowers who have repaid their mortg from other savings will also also pay a substantial sum to gage and provide some spare the investors Compensation cash.

Chris Berrie Business Corres

HR Welsh water and

electricity company, Hyder, reignited controversy over job losses and profits in privatised utilities

yesterday by announcing that

it would axe 900 people, step up payments to shareholders and cut back investment in renewable energy projects.

With up to £275 million expected to pass to shareholders pected to pass to shareholders.

from accumulated cost sav-ings between this year and the year 2000, Hyder said it was up to the regulator to se-

The ICS had issued writs | Northern Rock, Bristol & on additional help to those inagainst the C&G and West | West, the old Leeds Permavestors who were so badly let Bromwich societies, which it claimed had helped devise | and Alliance & Leicester all | sers who sold them the and sell the plans with the financial advisers. Legal action against C&G will now be cancelled following yesterday's

But the West Bromwich, which has more than 600 unfend its position in court next year. National Counties with 200 victims, the Stroud & Swindon with 118, and the Newcastle, Derbyshire, lawyers' fees is better spent | defend its position.

Pointing to a 29 customer discount on water bills, insti-

gated last year as part of a package of benefits for inves-

tors and households, the group finance director, Paul Twamley, said benefits from

savings would go first to shareholders for backing the

company, then Weish Water.

quisition of South Wales Riec-

Labour condemned the company for "scandalously

high" profits and dividends. The shadow Environment

secretary, Frank Dobson, said Hyder's water business, a mo-

though the ICS accepts they merely granted the Scheme chairman, Richard

Andrew Longhurst, said: "In a court case there are no real winners. By agreeing a way scheme."
forward direct with the ICS
we avoid the delays and expre-tax profits last year

Warning that Labour would impose a windfall tax if it

came to power, he said: "The bosses at Welsh Water should

had kept water flowing to exceptional items, profits rose households without restrictions and its balance sheet The full-year dividend of 38.7p could withstand a resson-

Hyder said savings, tax and Swalec. Hyder has taken a interest benefits arising di-

rectly from the Swalec deal 15-year contracts to buy

Lawson, commented: "T helieve that the outcome is very good both for the investors who are affected and for the

pease of court action." amounted to £16.5 million, He added: "Money saved on said it plans to vigourously

Cost-cutting already under-way would be saving a fur-ther £54 million a year by the end of the decade, with 330

a share is 14.2 per cent higher. Following the acquisition of

Investors Compensation

The SIB argues it was on the spot in Washington when Sumitomo agreed to come clean, and now LME chief ex-Hyder axes 900 as dividend rises

> tomo connection.
> This is all very impressive bosses at Welsh Water should be spending their time solving the problem of leakage instead of squeezing profits out of the consumer."
>
> All Hyder turned in pretax profits 6.2 per cent lower at \$112.9 million. Stripping out \$251.6 million. Stripping out \$157.9 million. ulators have yet to explain get it wrong, and those who why Sumitomo's unautho- have a plausible reason for

#### Holistic Systems on a high as buy-out nets staff £54m

ACCIDENTS do happen. A chance look at a newspaper advertisement in 1969 came good yesterday with a £54 million fortune for the the private UK software com-pany Holistic Systems.

Derek Taylor — Holistic's founding chairman, who owns something under 50 per

tially from the 1985 sale of Mecent of the company — admit-ted that being bad at physics had also contributed to his under the same terms he was

Having scraped through a degree in the subject at London University, Mr Taylor responded to a newspaper advertisement calling for science graduates to help a small company, Metier, enable its clients to "solve business problems using

At that point, Mr Taylor

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS Australia 1.8950 France 2.2675 Austria 15.94 Germany 2.2675 Belgium 45.60 Canada 2.06 Cyprus 0.6965 Denmark 8.77 Finland 7.06 Hong Kong 11.84 Ireland.0.9425

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### would save 246 million annually by the year 2000. Much of Station. The group has also the saving would come from the 570 jobs to be cat, 450 in cure savings for consumers at nopoly, had made £762 mill the 570 jobs to be on the next price review, due lion profit since privatisation. the services division. Railtrack signals cost-cutting plan

Keith Harper Transport Editor

RAILTRACK threatened yesterday to reduce jobs in a plan for cutting

its plans if the Labour Party came to power and changed the way it was regulated. Railtrack, which runs the

track, stations and bridges that once formed the core of British Rail, was sold to investors in May in a sale that raised £1.93 billion.

on the cost-cutting plans as it released profits and sales figures for last year. The figures, showing that it made a pretar turnover increased margin-thinking and innovation". He profit of £190 million on sales of £2.3 billion, were published in the company's prospectus

costs and raising efficiency that would allow it to raise dividend payments.

The former state-owned operator of Britain's rail infrastructure warned that it total performance and, in the absence of unforceseen circumstances or majorially administrative and the labour Party. cumstances or materially adverse changes in the regulatory regime, we expect to be able to pursue a progressive policy on dividends."

Railtrack shares rose a halfpenny to 216p in early London trading. They closed at 220.5p Railtrack did not elaborate on May 20. Mr Horton admit damental that the company predicted."

ally to £2.3 billion from \$2.28 billion. Operating prof-its fell to \$296 million from railway system which is reli-£305 million in 1995.

Railtrack was still owned by the Government.

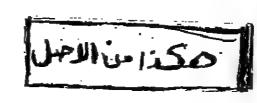
condemned last month by Labour and transport pressure groups in the run-up to the sell-off as a "sweetener" to encourage ordinary investors to take part. Mr Horton said it was fun- as

said that the public had made able, punctual and safe".

The company confirmed Mr Horton pointed out that that shareholders would it billion would be spent anreceive a dividend of 13.78p a share, making a total of projects such as the Thames-199 million for the year when ital and the West Coast Main the Government.

Line. The past year had seen the lowest level of deaths.

Clare Short, shadow transport secretary, described the figures as "taxpayers' money masquerading as Railtrack profit. Funnily enough, this rip off is exactly the same size Government



### Langer dreads nought

Michael Britton in Manich

TERNHARD LANGER Syesterday dismissed stories that he is on the verge of retirement because of poor form and the

putting yips.
The German was in bullish mood on the eve of the BMW Open at the St Eurach club here in his native Bavaria despite having been disqualified for the first time in his career at last week's US Open, just two weeks after losing his five-year record as Europe's most consistent maker of halfway cuts.

"I spoke in the heat of the moment after my second round in the United States," he said, "but it is rubbish to say that I am about to finish with golf. I am not a quitter and I am certainly not a man to run away from my problems. I believe the best way to overcome them is to keep on playing."

He also confirmed his in tention to play in the forth-coming French and Irish Opens as well as the Open Championship at Royal Lytham, where he suffered a notorious attack of the yips on his last visit.

Langer stressed that his weekend disgust was directed at the US Golf Associa tion's presentation of Oak-land Hills. "I am also a golfcourse designer and constructor," he said, "and if I produced something like that people would say I was crazy. It is very possible that if future US Open courses are like that I will not play." His target this week is to

complete a clean sweep of German titles by adding a first BMW to the other nine he has won on home soil since 1981. To achieve that he must beat a field that includes his old rival Severiano Ballesteros and the 1993 USPGA champion Paul Azinger, playing in Europe for the first time since recovering from lym-phatic cancer in his right shoulder-blade.

Ballesteros was not in-vited to the US Open; he watched on TV and thought it boring. "I watched 10 groups play the last nine holes and saw only one birdie," he said. "I wasn't the least bit disappointed

turned refreshed from a two-week break, with a new word in his lexicon: metamorphosis. He says it is almost the same in Spanish and it accurately describes the current state of his game. 'It's starting to show up and I am more and more encouraged. The feel is coming back."

#### Hockey

#### Becker on sona for Germany

THE Olympic champions Germany thrashed the world champions Pakistan for the second time in four days in the opening match of the NCM Trofee last night, beating them 6-1, writes Pat

Rowley in Amstelreen.
That was one goal better than in their meeting at Milton Keynes, and their second biggest win ever over the Pakistanis. Andreas Becker, the left-

ringer who scored twice at Milton Keynes, scored four times last night, with the precocious Oliver Domke and Carsten Pischer getting the others for Germany. Becker gave his side the lead after 10 minutes, and though Shahbaz Ahmed junior equalised for Paki-stan. Becker restored Germany's lead from a penalty corner after 26 minutes. A nine minutes into the second balf set Germany on their way to a fine victory.



No, it's not fair - but somebody has to win two tickets to the Wimbledon Men's Final in this Sunday's Observer. Why shouldn't it be you?

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Net profits . . . England's Nasser Hussain (nearest camera) and Graham Thorpe (stooping) limber up at Lord's

## England aim to tap rich seam

Mike Selvey expects Atherton's men to inflict a second defeat on | countered with one of the | of his old county team-mate demoralised India in Dickie Bird's swansong Test at Lord's today

HE chairman of selectors was not in evilonok. Been there, done that, dence at Lord's yesterday, presumably pending the time in a dark ened room with a cold com-press on his head in an attempt to stop his blood

For a man who would not part readily with £2,000 if his wife had been ransomed by Afghan tribesmen, the ridiculous fine levied by the Test and County Cricket Board on Tuesday injured more than

At Lord's a year ago it was Raymond filingworth doing the hurting when, at the 11th hour, he jettlsoned the stratmeeting. Exercising his right as overlord, he unilaterally told Steve Rhodes to pack his bags and instated Alec Stewrt as wicketkeeper instead. It created the sort of furore usually reserved for England

footballers in foreign drinking dens. But Illingworth sur-vived; England won a memo-merely to defend. So the like-

got the T-shirt. Tel. Today. in the season's showpiece Test, England have the chance to win here again and take the first two Tests of a summer for the first time since 1978. But unless the chairman goes critical over-night, blows a gasket and replaces Hick, Cork and Thorpe with Julian Clary, Lulu and the News Bunny,

the tempting presence of Stewart as replacement for the injured Nick Knight. After an early inspection of The Spaniard has re- say agreed at the selection hate will be whether it is talise on that. Everyone is room which set off Mount Peter Martin, omitted from confident but continuity is the first Test, or Min Patel, the solitary specialist spin-ner, who should go this time. Mike Atherton is reluctant to go into a game without a spinner but said yesterday that there was little point in

there are going to be no shocks this morning despite

(five if Ronnie Irani is counted) with Graeme Hick to fill in if necessary.

After their win at Edgbaston England will be looking to maintain the enthusiasm they showed there. So positive is David Lloyd that one feels be could flog beefburgers to Linda

given the lack of wickets for English spinners at Lord's, is

a full battery of four seamers

so far is due in no small mea But Atherton recognises the need to string together a series of good performances "We must not step off the gas now," he said. "The Indians

McCartney; the team's success

important." He is right about the state of India's team. When the sides last met at Lord's aix years ago England won by 247 runs but only because Gra-ham Gooch had scored 338 and 123 not out, the most runs vived; England won a memo-rable match against West liest option, and the right one | Mohammad Azharuddin had | Azharuddin's hand courtesy

most sublime centuries seen on the ground and Kapil Dev had taken India one run past the followon by hitting Eddie Hemmings for four consecutive sixes.

However, India are now in turmoil. Weakened before they arrived in England by the disciplinary action against Vinod Kambli, they were further undermined when Navjot Sidhu, the only experienced opener in the party, packed his bet and went home after the one-day series. They are also suffering from inexperience and a lack

Their - form on tour has been so bad that the heavy defeat by Derbyshire last week was their fifth. Asharuddin is a mild man but it was probe-Ruapehu in New Zealand.

Whether it will be sufficient iack of form there are injuries, particularly those to Sunil Joshi, who has had to go home, Sanjay Manjrekar, who twisted an ankle while betting at Edghaston, and to Azharuddin's hand courteen.

Devon Malcolm

The captain will probably struggle through; less certain is Manirekar, and Rabul Dravid stands by. Nayan Mongis will open the betting and a decision will be taken this morning on whether to rely on three seamers and the spin of Kumble (a disappointm so far) or include Raju's leftarm spin as well. Whoever wins the toss will

probably but, not least because any early appeals to Dickie Bird will be rejected because he will be unable to see through his tears. There can be few unaware that this is his swansong Test, and he will not let the occasion pass without it getting to him. But he'll still flap and squawk and shoot his cuffs, worry

#### County Championship: Somerset v Worcestershire

#### Another Illingworth profits as perseverance is rewarded and logic defied

David Foot at Bath

COLD logic demanded that Somerset launch the Bath Festival with an orgy of runs total and no mercy to the bottom county.
Instead they were all out for

was not a stroke-makers'

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County Championship

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square but the pace barely | but there was little real risk. | over the top for four, against changed and the tumble of | The apparently modest | his nature, and was soon out. wickets from 170 for one only emphasised that a golden opportunity as well as logic had been shunned.

Peter Bowler took five hours over his hundred. There were 17 fours, all wellstruck, though he might have searched more diligently at-263. their last eight wickets searched more diligently atgoing for a miserable 60 after times for runs. It was an asthe openers had put on 126. It sured. calculated innings: sured, calculated innings; casting an anxious look at the once he sliced between slips scoreboard, immediately hit

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© The former Australia captain Allan Border will come out of retirement need month to load a Malaysian adds in the international "Super Eights" insurnament in Kuala Lumpur, The Malaysian Isam includes the Sri Lankan Test players Aralinda de Salva, Chammoa Vaso and Sanath Laysaurtrya, and the Pakistanis Aarint Nazir and Saferm Elahi, Australia B. India, New Zoaland and South Africa will elso take part in the 14-overs-a-side competition from July 12-14

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Second XI Champion

Other match

Minor Counties

Starting today

The apparently modest Worcestershire attack kept at It after finding a touch of early swing, and there was always some help for the canny Illing-worth. Of the batsmen, Lath-well was unusually cautious as if it were part of the game plan; Trescothick was going well until stumped by Rhodes; the captain Hayhurst came in

Rugby League

THE prospects of any inter-nationals being played in Australia this season receded

yesterday when a proposed "Test" between the Kanga-

roos and the Kiwis tomorrow week in Sydney was

Officials of the Australian

Officials of the Australian Rugby League remained hopeful that a second game scheduled for Auckland in July would still take place, or failing that a match between Australia and the Rest of the World. Both look forlorn hopes however

hopes, however. The cancellation marks an-

other sorry episode in the long-running battle between

the ARL and Rupert Mur-doch's Super League and was brought about by the refusal

of eight Super League men to

play for the Australian side announced on Tuesday. They acted in support of a 20-strong group of New Zealand players

boycotting the series. So tangled had the mess be-come that the "All Golds" side

which would scarcely have been representative of New Zealand's strength — would

have been chosen by Austra-

lian selectors because the NZRL backs Super League. Bobbie Goulding, mean-

while, is back in the England

Panil Fitzpatrick

Maybe Somerset were mesmerised by the proximity of the croquet club. They crumbled finally in an untidy heap to Illingworth's five for 40 and Worcestershire perseverance.

 Two of England's yesterday men. Robin Smith and John Emburey, shared the Basing-stoke limelight as Hampshire

squad for Wednesday's Euro-pean Championship decider

against Wales at Cardiff. The

St Helens scrum-half missed

last week's game with France because of injury, providing Wigan's Shaun Edwards with

the opportunity to re-estab-lish himself. Also named are Daryl Pow-

ell of Keighley and Wigan's Andy Farrell, Mick Cassidy and Kris Radlinski. Cassidy

and Kris Radlinski. Cassidy and Farrell, who was due to become England's youngest captain against France, proved fit against Oldham last weekend but Radlinski is still a serious doubt; the young full-back has not been able to resume training because of an ankle in you and

cause of an ankle injury and will be lucky to be fit for tomorrow's match with St Helens at Central Park.

Wigan should have a full house for that game but, alarmed by falling gates, they have rescheduled four other

home games. They will play Castleford on a Friday night

and revert to Sunday 3pm

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toss against the struggling Northamptonshire. Smith's five-hour 179, his 50th first-class century, and a championship best 81 by the rapidly improving Jason Laney took the home side to 329 for six, despite a marathon 35-over spell of contain-ment by the veteran off-spin-

ner Emburey; Northants' playing coach finished with two for 77 and, almost cercapitalised on winning the tainly, aches all over,

#### Chess

#### Australians call off NZ game | Karpov three snubbed by Super Leaguers points ahead

Leonard Barden

ANATOLY KARPOV took a 5-2 lead in the Fide world championship at Elista, Kal-mykia, when his American challenger Gata Kamsky be-latedly resigned a hopeless endgame two pawns down.

Karpov, a pawn up at Tues-day night's adjournment, soon exchanged queens and when his widely separated pawns began to advance up the board Kamsky's king could not stop them all.
During yesterday's play
Kamsky's eccentric father
Rustam, a former boxer who

manages Gata's career with a flerce protectiveness, asked for the removal of the comput-ers used to prepare the daily ers used to prepare the daily match bulletins. "I have a feeling these computers are helping Karpov," he said.

Interviewed by the local newspaper, Izvestia Ralmykia, he also invited "Kaimykian girls aged 14 or 15" to "contract to study with Cote

"contract to study with Gata in New York". "If love appears, a marriage will be arranged," he promised.

Today sees game eight in the \$1.1 million, 20-game series.

White: Karpov, Black: Karreky, Game 7, coatisued: 57. Og7+(scaled move) 58 953 8c7 55 Co6 Kh7 80 d6 8d8 81 045+ kh8 62 kh3 Ch8 63 Ch16+ 8d6 64 Kg4 b5 65 KL5 Bd8 66 Kx65 Kg6 67 Kd5 b6 68 Kc4 Ba5 69 Kb3 Kl5 70 Ka4 K66 71 h5 Rosigns

## Seles finds little relief in victory

Stephen Bierley at Eastbourne on the American's constant pain

UPERFICIALLY Mon-ica Seles's first match on British grass for almost four years yes terday was a sea breeze. She beat her fellow American Meredith McGrath 6-2, 6-4 and left the Eastbourne centre court to reverberating applause.

There was a gentle wind off the Channel but no sea fret. There are, however, swirling mists of doubt in the mind of Seles, for the pain in her injured left shoulder is obviously nagging at her each and

every day. "I feel pain all the time," she said after her win. "I wake up every day and it hurts, but this is a special year and

She needs an operation but is hoping to postpone it until after Wimbledon, the Olym-pics, the Fed Cup and the US Open. Whether that will be possible she cannot be sure. hence the doubts and uncertainties.

She receives two hours of eatment daily but once on court is immediately aware there are certain shots that are going to hurt ber. Only she knows the true extent of the pain; indeed, the psychological partier of knowing she is not 100 per cent fit may be the most telling inhibition of all. McGrath, who won the Edgbaston tournament last week, could certainly detect no signs of Seles holding back

vesterday. McGrath has a good grass-court game but her hopes of getting to the net vanished under a barrage of eles ground strokes. "Clearly I wasn't soing to win from the baseline." said McGrath, who was in a near-

constant state of hyperactivity as she was sent acurrying from one end of the baseline

ments of drift and careless-ness. "I won't be able to let this happen at Wimbledon," she said afterwards.

The last time Seles played at Wimbledon was in 1992 when she lost to Steffi Graf in the final. "I don't like to be reminded of matches I lose, but I never felt I was in it." The next year came the stabbing in Hamburg which wiped out all Grand Slam competition until the US Open last year. Then, in this year's Australian Open, came the first niggling problems with her shoulder. She won in Melbourne but in a subsequent tournament in

Tokyo had to withdraw. The injury is a deep-rooted tear which principally limits all shots which require full rotation: she has added pace to her serve but cannot get the kick she feels she require for Wimbledon success.

"I don't feel comfortable with my serve. It's not there. Neither is she happy with her current lapses in concentra tion. Essentially the match toughness is missing, not surprisingly given the relatively small number of matches she has played in recent times.

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McGrath believes Seles can win her first Wimbledon title; Seles refuses to commit herself. "I just hope it will be sunny, dampness would kill my shoulder." Overall victory here, on her first visit to Eastbourne, would increase her confidence wonderfully. Chanda Rubin, seeded seventh at Wimbledon and a finalist here last year, with-

drew yesterday after losing the first set 6-3 against her fellow American Liss Raymond. Rubin has been out of action for some time with tendinitis in her wrist, and believes she came back too quickly. She hopes to play next week but her chances o

s successful Wimbledon look slim. The Eastbourne her ring-guils wailed their sympathy from the rooftops. ● Jennifer Capriati has pulled out of Wimbledon. The to the other.

There was never the least doubt Seles would win but, as in the Paris Open when she lost in the quarter-finals to did not feel ready to compete the paris of the Jana Novotna, there were mo- at Grand Slant level.

## control. And give them not out. Legend he may be, but the bowlers will still be queuling up at Darrell Hairs. the third force

David Irvine at Nottingham

OR far too long it was Jeremy Bates alone who carried the men's game in Britain. More recently the baton has been taken up by Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman. And at the Nottingham Open yesterday Mark Petchey confidently announced himself as the new Third Man of the domestic game.

On what was arguably Britain's best day of tournament tennis since 1978, when Mark Cox, Richard Lewis, Andrew Jarrett and John Feaver now the Nottingham tournament director — made the quarters at the British Hard Court Championship at Bournemouth, Henman, Rusedski and Petchey all claimed quarter-final places. If Petchey's was the most im-

pressive win. Henman's was the most dramatic. In a fiercely fought contest with Michael Joyce he missed two set points in the first set, scrambled through in the second and finished in excelsis in the third with five straight games to win 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. Petchey, bouyed by his recent win at Beckenham, beat Australia's Patrick Rafter 6-3, 6-4, making light of the 165 places separating the two in the world

"Ranking-wise I've had bet-ter wins (over Thomas Mus-ter and Michael Stich for example] but this one was very restisfying," Petchey said. ratic and his ground game rest is a very good grass-less than impressive.

court player." A quarterfinalist at Queen's last week.

Petchey, who failed so disappointingly when deputising for Henman in the Davis Cup recently, played with almost total authority. His serve, his return and his volleying were Rafter could find no answer to Petchey's insistent game. A backhand winner in the

fourth game after saving two break points in the third put Petchey in the driving seat but the killer punch came at 1-1 in the second. The Briton slid an angled backhand across court and it appeared to be going out, but it clipped the net, hit Rafter's racket and fell on the Australian's side of the net.

Petchey, who is due to marry soon, said he had de-veloped a new attitude to his game. "I just want to play well and not worry too much about results. Winning at Beckenham [the first British men's champion for over 50 years) was a great confidence-booster."

Petchey now plays Sandon Stolle, son of the three-times former Wimbledon finalist red, while Rusedski takes on Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka, against whom be holds a 2-0

lead in past meetings.
Rusedski was much less convincing in taking revenge on Martin Damm, who de-prived him of his Seoul title in April. Though he won 6-3,

#### Wood on fire at Roehampton

impressed his new Ameri- son of France 6-3, 6-2.

JANE WOOD, trying the pro circuit after a 10-year break, was Britain's only winner yesterday at Rochampton as all her compatriots lost their chance of circuit for Wimbledom caralifying for wimbledom c qualifying for Wimbledon
— including the 22-year-old
Andrew Richardson, who

26 are three of the four top footballers of the past 35 years whose surnames are also countries. A16: Joe Jordan Q17: Which player scored nine goals in five games to lift the Henri Delaunzy trophy for his country? A17: Michel Platini Guardian

# ROYALASCOT Celie Trigger ready to fire a double gold

Ron Cox expects champion stayer to show the way home in today's marathon

sixth dual winner of the top prize for stayers since 1980. when he lines up against six rivals at Royal Ascot today.

Moonax, the runner up in 1995, misses a re-match owing to the fast ground. Godolphin still provides the main danger in Classic Cliche, but the proven stamina of Double Trigger should be decisive over this two and a half miles

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at the meeting and put him in

a commanding position in the London Clubs Jockeys' Cham-

pionship, writes Chris

Kinane is on course for a

hat-trick, having been leading rider at the meeting in each of

the last two years. Olivier Peslier is his closest pursuer

OUBLE TRIGGER, five lengths winner of last year's Gold Cup, can become the all winner of the top and Court of Hangur trailing. and Court Of Honour trailing. Court Of Honour had fin-ished much closer to Classic Cliche in the Yorkshire Cup, in which recent Italian win-

ner Strategic Choice was second It is impossible to say whether Classic Cliche will be as effective over this mara-

over this two and a half miles
— a distance six furlongs farther than Classic Clicbe has
attempted to date.

Jason Weaver made all the
running on Double Trigger
here last year and will almost
certainly have to show the
way again.

Although he can appear to
he in trouble in the early to thon trip, but he will need to

Kinane leads jockeys' parade ICK KINANE'S double other Vintage Crop. "He has wonderful shoulders and is Gordi at Royal Ascot yesterday gave him three winners tage Crop," said Weld who

plans to give him one more run before the Doncaster St Leger. Gordi runs in the Cigar colours of Allen Paulson, the American millionaire who has ten horses with Weld.

The stewards considered the poor performance of the favourite Sherpas who fin-ished tenth in the Queen's The success of Gordi in the Queen's Vase prompted Dermot Weld, his trainer, to talk colt would not let himself in terms of the colt being and down on the firm ground.

the Oaks, despite connections having stumped up the £15,000 supplementary fee. Henry Cecil, her trainer, was worried about Magnificient Style handling the downhill run at Epsom, but on this more conventional track the filly should be able to show her form in the Ribblesdale Stakes.

Stakes.

She stayed on strongly to beat Sil Sila, subsequent winner of the French Oaks, in the Musidora Stakes at York and will be well suited by today's

longer trip.

Even though the starting stalls are in the centre of the track for the Cork And Ortrack for the Cork And Or-rery Stakes, a low draw is likely to be an advantage judging by the outcome of yesterday's Hunt Cup. Rambling Bear (4.20), drawn five, looks sure to give a good account of himself.

Michael Blanshard's progressive sprinter had a length to spare over Iktamal worse off here after weight-for-age adjustments — at Lingfield, and his previous
Newbury win over Airaf (now
2lb worse) has been boosted
by the runner-up.
The King George V Handicap presents punters with a

variety of options, but the key to it could be Michael Stoute's decision to equip Get Away With It (5.30) in a visor for the first time.

This colt is a full brother to the stable's former high class middle distance performer, Ezzoud, who won first time out in blinkers and usually raced in a visor when putting up his best efforts.

Get Away With It, following just three outings, is poten-tially a good deal better than his current handicap mark and with Willie Carson in the driving seat he looks an inter-



Stepping out . . . Dance Parade answers the calls of a determined Mick Kinane to win the Queen Mary Stakes

### Peslier has second sight on Shake The Yoke

Chris Hawkins

HE difference between super-confidence and over-confidence at Royal Ascot yesterday was a neck; the distance by which Olivier Peslier won the Coronation Stakes on Shake The Yoke from Last

Second. From two furlongs out Peslier rode the French even-money favourite to heat Dance Design on the rails and it was clear that he always thought his filly

would get there. He was right, but did he take account of George Duffield finishing like a train on Haggas revealed that Last Second on his outside?
"The plan was to hold her back and it worked," said Peslier. "That is the way she is used to racing I wasn't worried. I saw the

second coming." Yeast was a popular winner of the Hunt Cup for William Haggas who, after his Derby triumph, is hav-ing a sensational season. Kieren Fallon made vir-

Southwell (A.W.)

Epsom hero Shaamit is not guaranteed to go for the irish Derby on Sunday
week, mindful no doubt of
the big supplementary
entry fee. "I'll not be making a decision until the last
possible moment," he said.

Punters took an early pounding as 50-1 shot Lu-cayan Prince, ridden by Richard Hughes, won the opening Jersey Stakes. "Richard gave Lucayan tually all the running on

said David Loder, the colt's trainer. "You have to wait and wait with this horse. We knew he was good but he hasn't produced it on the racecourse until now."

Anyone who watched the market before the Queen Mary Stakes knew More Silver, who went from 5-4 to 5-2, would not win. Predictably, she never threatened to take a hand leaving her stable companions. her stable companions Dance Parade and Dame Laura, trained by Paul Cole, to fight out the finish

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**EURO 96** 

## Writing is on the wall for prosaic Sacchi

Richard Williams on the night a draw was a heart-breaking result for Italy

Rome, bearing their banners and their enthusiasm. But now the anger of the Italian fans will be turned against Arrigo Sacchi, their national coach, whose team drew a match last night but in the process suffered their bitterest defeat of recent years.

More bitter, by far, than their defeat in the World Cup final two years ago. To lose to Brazil was no disgrace. To go out of Euro 96 to goals scored in a match 40 miles away will probably cost Sacchi his job, despite a lucrative new contract which was supposed to see him through to 1998.

Paolo Maldini, who wept as he left the Old Trafford pitch, may well be retaining the captain's armband under the aegis of his father, Cesare, the old Milan centre-back, who takes the young Italians to the Olympic Games next month. If that goes well, an invitation to step up to the seniors may not be long delayed.

Sacchi is said to have invented the "pressing" game during his time with Milan. with its total reliance on 4-4-2 and the offside trap. Yet the mildly interesting ideas to be found in his tactics at national level has long made it legitimate to wonder whether the success of his Milan side was not due in-stead to the fertile minds and strong characters of his three Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard. What seemed like a episode of high-quality man-agement may in fact have been simply the application of

eign context. Like the present-day Dutch national side. Sacchi's Italy suffer from the lack of strong personality in midfield. In Holland's case the need is for them the fantasy they so in his starting line-up, algrievously lack, Demetrio Albertini, who at 24 already has Livio came on later. three Italian league championships and one European Cup to his name, and the 26year-old Roberto Di Matteo. who made his debut for Lazio three years ago as a substi-tute for Paul Gascoigne, are solid young players but their imaginations are prosaic. acres of space in midfield.

New Jersey MetroStars, is really an admission that he cannot find a creative force from the current generation. Donadoni's last great occasion was in Athens two years ago on the night Milan thrashed Barcelona. Last night he repaid the coach's faith with total commitment,

but it was not enough.

There is nothing wrong with this team that the pres-ence of Roberto Baggio would not put right, whatever his form with Milan last season. Baggio, not Sacchi, was the reason Italy reached the World Cup final in Pasadena. Past his best even then, he was not too proud to hustle until the job was done.

Alessandro Del Piero was supposed to be the answer to the effective retirement of Roherto Baggio from the national side. The 20-year-old's remarkable consistancy in scoring goals with his right foot from the left-hand edge of the penalty area, slotting one the top right-hand corner of the net, was a feature of the early weeks of last season, although it was not enough to give Juventus the impetus to defend their title.

Soon after he had been called into Sacchi's squad, another form of national service seemed to do for Del Piero. The army cut his bair and ing services tournament, while giving him Sundays off to perform in Serie A. The zest went out of his play, even as Juventus were mounting their successful European

Cup campaign.
Sacchi has been severely criticised for not including more Juventus players in his selections since the squad ar-rived in England. Last night a Rijkaard, to drive them on. Italy included only one repre-Italy's requirement is for an Antognoni or a Rivera, to give goalkeeper, Angelo Peruzzi —

Milan, on the other hand, were represented by Maldini, Costacurta and Albertini, and by three men who wore the red and black stripes in Sacchi's day: Donadoni, Fuser and Mussi. Terry Venables is not the only man who likes to show his appreciation of his ative instinct to invent the game, as we saw last night when Germany gave them Basten and Rijkaard are no longer available to him.



## Czechs enjoy hearer the late show

lan Ross at Anfield

HE Czech Republic's reward for their unexpected victory over Italy arrived last night when, in extraordinary circumstances, they went through to the quar-ter-finals where they face Portugal at Villa Park on

Portugal at Villa Park on Sunday.

Their draw against Russia proved sufficient given the Azzuri's failure to defeat Germany at Old Trafford. The Czechs finished level on points with Italy but advanced on the strength of their victory against Arrigo Sacchi's team at Anfield last Friday.

On an evening of fluctuating fortunes the Czechs carelessly surrendered a

carelessly surrendered a two-goal lead and were then facing elimination after the Russian substitute Vladimir Beschastnykh had put his side ahead with six minutes left. But with two minutes left

on the clock the substitute Vladimir Smicer drove in splendidly from 20 yards to drag the Czechs level and break hearts the length and breadth of Italy.

If it was difficult to imag-ine that the Czechs could play better than they had in defeating Italy, it was almost impossible to believe Russia could perform any worse than they had against Germany. After two undistin-

guished displays, Russia dropped Andrei Kanchel-skis, much to the disappointment of those followers of Everton who had crossed Stanley Park to lend support to an adopted

Not that there were many neutrals present, or indeed anyone else. It was a shame because in between the robust tackling there was some eminently watchable football. Russia's neat interplay

promised much, particu-larly in the opening few minutes when the Czech

shape with extraordinary ease. But the Czechs have learned how to ride their luck and at the precise moment Russia threatened to blossom they drove a dag-ger through the heart of their opponents' ambition. Cherchesov, Russia's goalkeeper, was still being congratulated on acrobati-

cally turning behind Ku-bik's powerful drive when Poborsky drove across the resulting corner. The Russian defence

stood motionless as Jan Suchoparek stepped smartly forward to send a glancing header just inside the far

Digging themselves out of s not Russia's strong point and not even the prospec defeat could instil in them anything which even hinted at self-discipline. Nineteen minutes in and

the Czechs' superiority was emphasised with a second goal, again of rich quality. Nemec's hopeful punt forward had covered almost 50 vards when Pavel Kuka rose to meet it just inside the penalty area. Had Cherchesov not galloped away from his line the danger

would have been minimal, but predictably he had, and Kuka's beader drifted up and over him. And then, as quickly as-they had stumbled, the Rus-sians regained their balance and they were level by

the 53rd minute.
After the substitute Alex Mostovoi had headed in a Bhokhlov cross three min utes into a second half of heavy legs and many errors, the defender Omar Tetradze scrambled home from close range amid much confusion to make absolute nonsense of what had gone before.

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## Scotland's Brown thinking young

COTLAND's coach Craig Brown swallowed his disappointment yesterday and began to plan for the qualifying series for the 1996 World Cup finals, a campaign that begins against Austria in Vienna in August.
Still depressed by the fate his team suffered on Tuesday.
when they failed by a single
goal to reach the last eight of

goals — their single most damning weakness. "Only two of the team who started against Switzerland were under 30," said Brown, so that is a slight concern. And of course we have known for some time that we are

short in the scoring department. "We could do with a younger striker or two, as there is quite a gap between the established, senior men the European Championship, the established, senior men Brown confirmed that his main concerns about his very young, under-21 players.

the squad cannot be sweep-ing, they have to be gradual in the World Cup we will be allowed any three subs from also contain more depth." Time is short and Brown conceded that he might have to take risks. "I may throw

one or two of the younger strikers in. We'll see how they shape up."

squad were their average age | "Duncan Ferguson is there, Euro 96 was endorsed by his and their failure to score of course, and he can give us assistant, the Hibs manager another option when he is Alex Miller. "Craig showed fully fit, but the changes to himself to be a match for any coach in the world," said

"In a section with Terry Venables, Artur Jorge and seven on the bench. So as the Guus Hiddink, Scotland were pool expands in size it must a tactical match for any of them. And nobody could have got more out of a group of players than Craig did. I've been watching Scotland games since 1960 and that is the best-organised series of, shape up." performances I've seen in those 36 years."

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#### Hastings back to set Scotland cap record

Scotland when he returns from injury for the second Test against New Zealand at Eden Park on Saturday. The Watsonians centre will move ahead of his brother Gavin, with whom he shared the

The inclusion of Hastings, who has recovered from the knee injury that kept him out of the first Test, is one of two changes to the team that lost to the All Blacks in Dunedin. Tony Stanger, who has been playing at outside centre. is picked on the right wing instead of Craig Joiner.

SCOTT HASTINGS will Blacks' coach John Hart said: open-side flanker and Hemi win a record \$2nd cap for "We will give Jonah right up Scotland when he returns to the day of the Test to prove from injury for the second his fitness."

Blacks' coach John Hart said: open-side flanker and Hemi Taylor going back to No. 8.

Despite their heavy defeat at Ballymore, Wales's coach Wales, for their second Test

against Australia at Sydney on Saturday, have dropped the tight-head prop John Davies in favour of Lyndon Mustoe, one of three changes to the side beaten 56-25 in the Brisbane Test. With the centre Leigh Davies and flanker Gwyn

Jones Injured, Simon Hill comes in on the left wing to win his ninth cap and Andrew Gibbs will play at blind-side flanker in his third international appearance.
There are also three posi-

jury so Stanger may be spared the thankless task of Thomas switching to the Careth facing him, but the All tre, Steve Williams moving to

Kevin Bowring is confident his side can bounce back. "We are very determined this time," he said. "We have learnt a lot here and now it is time We Started to perform.

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### Sport in brief

Leicester City's manager Martin O'Neill hopes to begin the restructuring of his promoted side by signing the 20-yest-old Milwall full-back Ben Thatcher for about £1.5 million, writes lan Ross. O'Neill has also joined the competition to sign Reading's out-of-contract Welsh international defender Adrian Williams, who also interests West Ham, Wolves and the Dutch side Feyenoord.

Britain's Lisa Hackney stepped up her challenge for a Solheim Cup place with eight birdies in a six-under-par 66 in the opening round of the Evian Masters in France. Hackney, the Welsh Open champion from Stoke, leads

the field, one stroke ahead of Sweden's Maria Hjorth, with the defending champion Laura Davies on 72.

Light winds put paid to the majority of the racing in the Brut Cup of France at Sete, but Russell Coutts of New Zealand advanced his chances

of winning the bonus prize of \$250,000 (£166,000) should he win this Grand Prix by beat-ing France's Thierry Péponnet in their round-robin match, writes Bob Fisher.
On the opening day of the Hackett Etchells World Championship at Cowes, Brit-ain's Eddie Warwick won the Royal Yacht Squadron Invita-

tional Race. Tennis

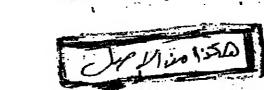
Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Jim Courier breezed to impressive straight-set victories in the grass-court men's tourna-ment in Germany. The French Open champion Kafel-nikov rolled over Zimbabwe's Byron Black 6-3, 6-4, and Courier needed only 61 minutes to rout Italy's Adrian



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#### **EURO** 96

David Lacey says the firepower that overwhelmed Holland for the most famous win at Wernbley since '66 could enable Terry Venables to emulate Sir Alf Ramsey

## Shearer puts England in shooting range

UCCESS changes perspectives. After what happened at Wembley on Tues-day night the England team could turn up for Saturday's European Champiquarter-final against Spain on the back of a beer lorry and no one would raise an eyebrow.

Having routed Holland 4-1, Terry Venables's players could dismantle a 747 from nose to tail without arousing any comment other than a favourable comparison with the Marx Brothers' demolition of a train. Even now a certain night-club in Hong Kong may be preparing to en-grave its dentist's chair with the following: "Gazza and Teddy supped here!"

In the space of 90 minutes Venables himself has leapt owning, book-publishing litigant who looked after the national team when he could find the time has now become the most highly regarded England manager-coach since Bobby Robson's brief apotheosis

A victory against Spain and Venables will be bearing down on Sir Alf Ramsey's singular reputation as the only man to win any-thing with England in a goal against the Swiss, and major tournament. Robson the 10 minutes or so against final.



reached the World Cup | the Scots when the passing semi-finals, the best anyone | started to gel around Steve has achieved with an Eng- | McManaman and Jamie land team abroad. Venable may be about to emulate Ramsey at home, and in a markedly stronger field

years ago. Before Tuesday night England's progress in Euro 96 had invited no more than guarded praise. In the and the 2-0 win over Scotland any qualities in Venables's team had been only glimpsed — the slick pass-

than the World Cup of 30

Redknapp. On Tuesday, however,

suddenly discovering her aspirates. Holland were unsettled by consistently good bles's attack at the start of passing and movement and Tuesday's second half. blown apart by the finishing of Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, who each scored twice. The Dutch actually achieved more attempts on goal but English gunnery won the most famous victory seen at Wembley since the 1966

Not since Robson's side scored four times against Yugoslavia in the opening 24 minutes of a Europe Championship qualifier in Belgrade in 1987 has an England team demolished opposition of any standing so completely as did Vena-

There was an almost Ger-manic ruthlessness about the three goals they put past Van der Sar in the space of 12 minutes, bringing Holland to the brink of elimination from the tourserve Dutch interest in Euro 96 a while longer. One of the most surpris-ing aspects of England's progress to the quarter-fin-als is the fact that in all three matches Venables has used the same 11 players plus substitutes. Win or lose, he was expected to make changes. He himself

said as much. In fact he has kept faith with a format which allows him to change players' personnel. The ease with which Southgate moves from a five-man midfield to a four-man defence typifies

gence in the squad Vena-bles has spent 2% years striving to achieve.
All the players appear
comfortable in whatever
task is allotted to them. It is

clear now that much work has been done in evolving situations which bring Paul Ince late into an attacking movement. This led to Shearer's goal against Switzerland as well as the pen-alty, after Blind had brought down Ince, that en-abled Shearer to give Eng-land the lead against

Ince will miss the Spain game, having received a second yellow card. Pre-

numably David Platt, who replaced him midway through the second half, will stay in the side for the quarter-finals. That should be the only change. Spain will face a confident, settled England team now fully expected to reach the

For the next three days the messages from Bisham Abbey will be all about guarding against compla-cency. True, England have hase. But to the assertion that "we've won nothing yet" one can only point out that winning the nation's respect is no small achievement after the prologue of

hree weeks ago. The English mood has seldom been more buoyant. While the Dutch camp tears itself apart and recalcitrant Russians are sent home, Venables's players have developed an even stronger

ballers may sometimes fall over. They seldom fall out. After Tuesday there is, needless to say, enough egg on critical faces to go into the omelette business fulltime. Yet whatever the doubts about England might have been before-hand, everything was likely to change once Shearer found his range. So it has proved.

### Sofia, SO bad



O FAREWELL then Bulgaria. This column's favourite team went out of the competition the way back soon, you hear. The bitching Bulgars were

evicted before they could settle and never came close to the heights they reached in the United States two years ago. Hristo Stoichkov blamed the refereeing and the French team's ancestry. Everyone else blamed the Penevs.

Dmitar Penev's attempt to ward line of a few seasons back blew up in his face. Stoichkov looked ready enough, but Emil Kostadinov the second game and Lubo Penev, the coach's nephew who scored the own-goal in weight and off the pace after his long bout with testicular

Not that this earned him much sympathy back home. Bulgaria out," claimed yester-day's Seven Days. "It's not clear which team Lubo was playing for — Bulgaria or the

Stoichkov refused to talk to the Seven Days reporter after the sports daily this week compared Bulgarian defending to corrupt baking prac-tices. Their next encounter

WHEN the Bulgarians were trekking around northern England last week seeking the perfect training facilities. Borislav chev must have proved espe-cially helpful for their experi-"The shops look okay, lads," you can imagine them telling their team-mates, "but the swimming pool is over-chlorinated." And off they

would head again. Trifon "the eyes, the eyes" Ivanov might also have been able to offer some advice after his brief spell at Coventry City three months ago, during which he earned a regulation for wild tackling and even

wilder personal grooming. The central defender, who looks like he walked from Sofia to St James' Park and played three games for Coven-try's reserves. He was sent off in another. His trial period

was not extended Brian "Harry" Roberts, the Coventry coach and Birmingham Sports Argus columnist was detailed to drive him to the airport. "He didn't speak a word of English." Roberts recalls, "but he still managed to let it be known he wanted his phone bill paid."

Coventry operate a dress code on match days but it had little effect on the Trifon vulture. "We said smart casual," Roberts says. "He was half there. He got the casual bit

AN ST JOHN got a little peeved when Spain started belting balls up to two big men in the French game. How dare a Latin side play like that, he seemed to be saying, just as though he held intel-lectual property rights on

It should no longer be a surprise to see Spain playing like a relegation-threatened English team. Their coach, Javier Clemente, is a big fan of the English game. Such a big fan, in fact, that he once turned Español into the ugli-est up-and-under team in Europe, uglier even than Lin-coln City. For a brief and unproductive time, indeed, he had them lumping balls in the general direction of a less-than-energetic 35-year-old. Pichi Alonso, and the tower-

ing Inchie Reath



#### Terry and the boys give the press some stick

but the second Test against India begins today and, if England win, the the paralleluniverse theory will look even more plausible. It would be churlish, meanwhile, not to allow the players their mo-

"I can't believe how you guys run us down," Teddy Sheringham scolded repor ters yesterday. "Look at the quality in our side and it's just unbelievable. The sooner you guys realise that and back us, the better we'll do. Look at the players we've got, especially going forward. If anyone else had Anderton, McManaman and Shearer you'd say they were a team that had to be watched, but you just write us off."

Stuart Pearce took up the theme. "It's just not the case that the rest of Europe was laughing at English football. That is something that is genseats). Yesterday we were not international football but this afternoon we suddenly are.

That's just ridiculous. I This team has not lost many games ever. I've played 65 internationals and lost six times. If I had done that at titles by now.'

Nothing footballers say, of course, can be trusted. They are all deaf to press criticism, unless it provides a conve-nient excuse for defeat. Some claim that they do not read newspapers at all. Yet if press comment has such power to affect results, shouldn't the press be invited up to share the winners' medals on Sun-day week if England become

For now, though, everyone loves one another. England may be only as good as their last game, but that was very Group D: Croatia 0, Portugal 3

### Croatia keep powder dry

HEY say that football is a funny old game. But it is really strange in Croatia. They came into this game as group leaders, were already guaranteed qualifica-tion, but their coach Miroslav Blazevic dropped seven players from the team who beat Denmark at the weekend, so not surprisingly they lost and finished second in the table. Now why would be want to do that when he knew second

bring with it a quarter-final against Germany? Worse still, if Croatia should beat Germany they would then face the possibility of an even tougher game in the semi-final, England at Wembley, rather than the winners of Holland v France. Here is the logic. "I think the German kind of game is

place almost certainly would

preferable for us," argued Blazevic. Perhaps there has been a shortage of sunshades at Croatia's hotel. Certainly Denmark would like to give him a tanning; their only chance of qualify

ing depended on Croatia beat ing Portugal. The one consolation is that the world will have another chance to see the skills of Por-tugal, who needed at least a draw from this game to make

the quarter-finals. Blazevic tried to defend his changes. Jerkan had a broken nose and Stanic an injured ankle, he said, and the others eft out were on yellow cards

mac were not. Unfortunately there seems to be no competition rule that

strongest side, even if the result of the game affects the chances of another team. So without the stars of Sunday, Boban, Asanovic and Suker, along with Stimac and Ladic Croatia played as if they were involved in nothing more serious than a training ground run-out.

It took them only three minutes to concede a goal, Secre tario's cross from the right finding an unmarked Figo who shot home. Thirty minutes of Croatian domination but one chance later, Portugal went 2-0 up. Sa Pinto's over-head kick teed up Joao Pinto, again unmarked, six yards

Croatia continued to assert more authority lest they be mistaken for a team who were not really trying. Jurcevic forced another save from VItor Baia, and at half-time on came Boban, Suker and Asanovic. The Croatlans appeared to mean business now and Asanovic forced a great onehanded save from Baia to prove it.

But then Portugal scored a third. And what a farce that tempted a hoofed clearance team-mate Bilic, rebounding into the path of Portugal's Domingos who, free on goal, slot-ted the ball wide of Mrmic.

Shortly after that Asanovic found himself clear on goal six yards out but shot wide. It could happen to anybody.



Ear to the ground . . . Portugal's Sa Pinto bites the dust in a challenge with Croatia's Slaven Bilic энотозгиян: визан зэгисн

Group D: Turkey 0, Denmark 3

#### Holders go out with pride intact and a three-goal salvo

Michael Walker at Hillsborough

THE Roligans of Denmark, perhaps sensing the inev-itable, sang one long, lusty chorus of We Are The Cham-pions shortly before kick-off and they were right to do so, for by the end of the game their heroes had lost their grip on the European trophy. An unexpectedly trium-phant era for Danish football their coach Richard Moller Nielsen now goes off to manen now goes off to manage Finland. It may also be the end of Michael Laudrup's international career, and if so he made a surprisingly low-key exit yesterday despite the best efforts of his younger

brother Brian.

The Danes went out of Euro

96 with a three-goal flourish here, but their fate was not in

Turks 20 minutes to get a shot

Nottingham, where it was sealed by Portugal's 3-0 victory over Croatia which made the Danes' goal-count imma-terial. Had Croatia won, even by a single goal, Denmark would now be in the quarter-finals instead of the Portuguese, but it was not to be. It was left to the magnifisense of occasion after the tered through. The Danish

supporters still managed to enliven an atmosphere that had been a bit Sheffield Wednesday v Coventry, with football in the first half of a comparable standard. For poverty of entertainment in this tournament the opening 45 minutes of this

hour, from the leggy Schjon-berg. Schmelchel acrobatically tipped over the former effort and Rustu bravely blocked the latter. After the interval the title-

After the interval the title-holders picked themselves up and deservedly went ahead in the 49th minute. The Rangers forward Erik Bo Andersen got a flick to a long Schmelchel clearance, Tugay tried in vain to intercept and the ball fell to Andersen's fellow bluenose Brian Laudrup, who ran around the stranded Rustu and sidefooted home.

made it two but Rustu made a point-blank serve from him effort carelessly into the side

sen cleverly chipped Den-

player of the tournament, had no chance when Allan Niel-

mark's third six minutes from time from the same The Turks had lost all shape long before then. The much talked about Hakan had been replaced at half-time but it was in midfield that they displayed a severe narrow-ness of vision. Abdullah

Michael Laudrup pass. The Turkey keeper was similarly blameless when Brian Lau-drup got his second and Den-

tude when he said: "At least we have justified our place in the last World Cup."

#### ITV puts opposition in shade with armchair audience of 16 million

Andrew Culf

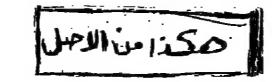
ENGLAND's victory tracted the largest televi-sion audience for Euro 96 so far. ITV's coverage of the 4-1 Wembley triumph had viewers. News a peak audience of 16 mil-

unofficial industry figures. Coverage of Scotland's group match against Switzerland at Villa Park, which was screened on ITV north of the border, atnorth of the border, at-tracted a peak of 1.6 million lion. The Nine O'Clock

Tuesday-night television audience. It wiped out half of Eastenders' normal audience, knocking the News slumped to 3.8

gained a peak 71 per cent | The BBC expects to strike share of the available back on Saturday with Grandstand's exclusive live coverage of England v Spain at Wembley. ITV will cover the evening game between France and Holland.
If England beat Spain
both BBC1 and ITV will





## Sports Guardian

**EURO 96** 

Group C: Italy 0, Germany 0

## Italy's ray of hope blanked out

Germans and Czechs go through in thrilling finish

**David Lacey at Old Trafford** 

TALY, thinking they needed to win at Old Trafford last night to stay in the European Champion-ship, heat their hearts out against an obdurate German fence after Gianfranco Zola had missed an early penalty. Thomas Strunz was sent off then for a short while it seemed as though Russia had come to their rescue, before the Italians had to begin their awkward journey home. As exercises in brinkman-ship go, Italy went into last night's match with their luck

already pushed beyond the normal limits. Having to beat Germany to reach the quarter-finals could hardly have figured in Arrigo Sacchi's

The coach had restored Zola and Casiraghi to his attack but still faced the uncomfortable prospect of being made to pay for the leisurely reshuffle, not to mention Apolloni's red card, which had accompanied the 2-1 defeat by the Czechs.

The early story of the match was one of Italian posssion and German patien Italy passed and probed; the Germans largely stayed put in their own half, blocking off the avenues of approach.

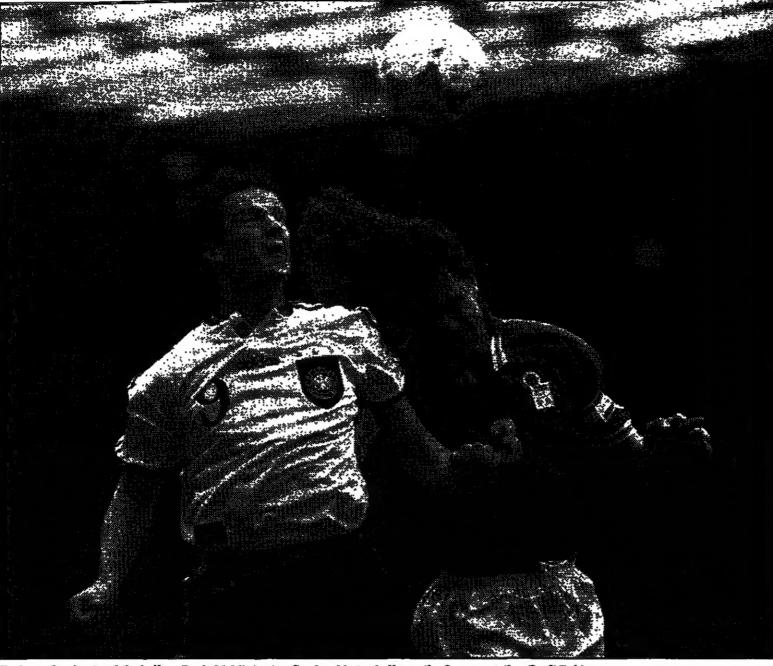
A shot from Fuser broke

this mundane mould after six minutes. Fuser struck a drop-ping ball sweetly and pre-cisely and Köpke did well to deflect it past a post. On other nights, with other referees, that might have been the Ger-man goalkeeper's last contri-bution to the game. After eight minutes a rare slip by went past Köpke the goal-

keeper brought him down. The penalty was inevitable but no card, yellow or red, was flourished by the Belgian referee. To complete Italy's sense of injustice Köpke then

easily saved Zola's weak kick. The swift passing patterns of Albertini, Donadoni, Fuser and Zola continued to disrupt Germany's cover, but Italy had desperately needed to score at that point, especially with news coming through of Czech goals at Anfield.

It was a long time before



anything significant was seen of the German attack. Little of consequence was coming through to Klinsmann and

Italy meanwhile seemed set on doing everything but score. Midway through the first haif Fuser and Zola worked the ball out to Dona-doni on the left. Donadoni's cross to the far post set up Fuser for a narrow-angled shot that beat Köpke but rolled on across an empty

Shots continued to pepper the German goal. The Gerreduce the tempo but seldom strung together more than two passes without losing possession. A glimpse of what they were really about was seen shortly before the half-hour when Klinsmann pulled away from Maldini to meet Möller's free-kick with an excellent header just wide of the

near post.
As the half ended Klins mann delivered the ball squarely into the stride of the advancing Ziege only for Pe-ruzzi to get there first. A minute or two earlier another breakaway by Casiraghi had been thwarted by a desperate combination of Sammer and Helmer. Italy's European Championship, you felt, was fading inexorably.

Then again, maybe not. The second half began with Di Matteo and Casiraghi sending in Fuser from the right for an whitened knuckles again optimistic.

John Duncan eats

humble pie on the

punched clear. Later Carboni had the goalkeeper stretching for a 35-yard drive that went just wide. Hässler and Möller were

starting to move forward with greater menace for German but still Peruzzi remaine largely unemployed in Italy's goal. As Zola almost slipped through the converging Sam-mer and Strunz, and their supporters cheered the news of a Russian revival at Anfield, Italy still remained

tage is largely theoretical. Now Germany left Klinsmann alone upfield. Italy still had to The day Terry and the boys

get past nine men and a goalkeeper.

Strung was not to stay

been cautioned for

around much longer. Having

fouling Donadoni at the start

In this situation the advan-

SCHERANT: Köpke: Sirunz, Freund, Sarmer, Helmer, Ziege, Hässler, Elte, Möller, Klinsmann, Bobe.
STALY: Peruzzi; Mussi, Cossecurte, Maldeni, Cerboni, Puser (D. Livio, 90mini, Dr. Matteo (Chiesa, 58), Albertini, Donadoni, Cestraghi, Zole.
Referees G Goethals (Belgium).

## PMs elect for sporting chance



Vincent Hanna

HE note was enticing: "Please meet me after the show, I'll be in the foyer." He wore a pink flower and looked cool, even at 2sm in Broadcasting House. But he was agitated. "Thank God I got hold of you.

my job's on the line here."

I found that hard to believe The thing about being a good spin doctor is that every-body's job is on the line except yours. And Rufus is the best in the business. He has guided the career of a dozen tycoons, whispered in the ear of Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and held bits of the Royal Family together in

times of stress. On the same day I've seen him smiling and waving at a Jimmy Goldsmith rally, and ater in urgent conclave with Peter Mandelson. Rufus is a ubiquitous fallow. But he knows sod-all about football and these days that can be bad for business. "The PM is well aggravated that he wasn't at Wembley last night," he said.

"Tve got to come up with a strategy PDQ." I could see John Major's point, he should have been there. Sending a message to Terry Venables 30 minutes after England's victory was al right, waving from the Royal Box would have been better. Running on to the pitch and kissing Alan Shearer could have been worth half a million

Mind you, such things can backfire. For years after their eoul Olympic gold medal, Colin Moynihan, then Sports Minister, would turn up and

hug them. "Look on the bright side," I suggested, "Tony Blair wasn" there either." "I know that," of the game, he was sent off a snapped Rufus, "he was at the German CBI telling them minute before the hour after once again catching the little Italian forward with a late what a good conservative he

"Wait a mo," I said, "didn't ) hear you say last week that Tony should walk tall in Europe..." "Shut up!" he Europe . . . "Shut up: ne hissed, "a fellow has to hedge his bets. What I've got to know now is whether there is any connection between our football fortunes and political

The question constantly puzzles political scientists.

Politicians love to strut on... sport's stage. They believe, sometimes in spite of themselves, that posing for the adoring masses or, better still, throwing in the ball will cause some of the glam our and bravery to rub off on

Helmut Kohl may be a football fan but that's not the only reason be turned up at Old Trafford last night

"Have you ever noticed," Harold Wilson once said, how England wins the world cup only under a Labour Government?" He was only half

joking. 1966 is a case in point. Wil-son easily won the General Election on March 31 after 17 months in office. He had a ma-jority of 96. He still enjoyed a large Gallup Poli lead coming into the World Cup, but it had dissipated by the end. The victory made no difference at all But then he was already in

"Okay then." said Rufus get JM to parade on Saturday it will do no harm." "Ah, but you have to think

about what happened in 1970, I said. Rufus twitched: "Is man, I've got to know." The 1970 General Election

land played West Germany in the quarter-final four days before it. Labour were on a high with a seven-point lead in the polls. Harold pulled out all the stops, even getting Gordon Banks an OBE, But Gordon mysteriously got food poisoning. Peter Bonetti played, he let in a soft gos and England were out. And so was Harold Wilson; Edward Heath won.

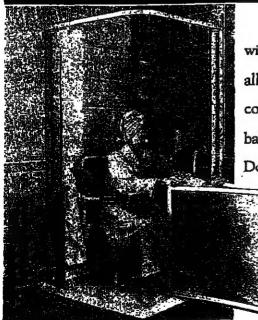
"Just because we lost the World Cup?" asked Rufus. "Who can say." I replied, "David Butler thinks it may have been the lousy tradeils. ures. Anyway, what's your problem. Rufus?"

problem is," he spat. "If JM goes on Saturday and England win. ople will say he's exploiting the team's success. If we ose, they'll say he brought the team bad luck. If he stays away it will look unpatriotic.

But shouldn't the Prime Minister be going to Florence on Saturday for the Summit?" Rufus grabbed my arm "Brilliant!" he cried. "I'll recommend that. It will get me off the hook until the semi-

Then he paused. "Wait! — perhaps I'd better not," he said. "But why?" I asked. "Because he might not get a result there either."

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"We wanted a bit of respect back, a bit of fear to be drawn against us. some-thing that has not necessar-ily been there in the recent my been there in the recent past. We've shown people what we are capable of, and that is good. But a good game is like a bad one in that you have to put it behind you as quickly as possible."

gave the press some stick The press corps, whom only a week ago Venables had accused of being traitors, could not have been more supportive if they had been wearing mini-skirts

Bisham Abbey beat and waving pom-poms. There was no smirking at the back, none of the awk-THIS was new territory for everyone. Like a reformed alcoholic waking ward silences that betoken media disbelief. No inquest. up to a first sober morning, there was no headache for Terry Venables to nurse, no Explanations for the dra-matic change in the Eng-land team's fortunes fall world-bleary eyes to squint through, no trial by tab-loids to endure and, for the first time in ages, no ex-cuses necessary to give. The England coach was actually smiling as he

into two camps. The first is the parallel-universe theory, that a bizarre corre-lation of astral forces someteam into a 10-year timewarp. They were thereactually smiling as he mounted the press podium at Bisham Abbey. It felt strange to be there. "It's like Italia 90 now, when the whole place was buzzing," he said. "We badly need some success in this country and when we get a sniff we're in there.
"We wanted a hit of fore not the poor relations of Europe nor the laughing stock of the Champions League, and nothing was more natural than to see them thrash quality opposi-tion at Wembley.

The second and more far-fetched explanation is that the England team were al-ways this good but none of ways this good but none of us could see it. What to the untutored eye had seemed like a series of numbingly uninspired friendly matches was in fact an obvious sign-post to England's irresistible onquest of Euro 96.

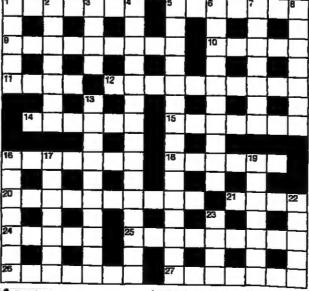
It is a close-run thing

What I'd set out to do was

to read a novel on the Internet. Instead I'd found myself mired in a welter of information, puzzles, riddles. Mike Phillips

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